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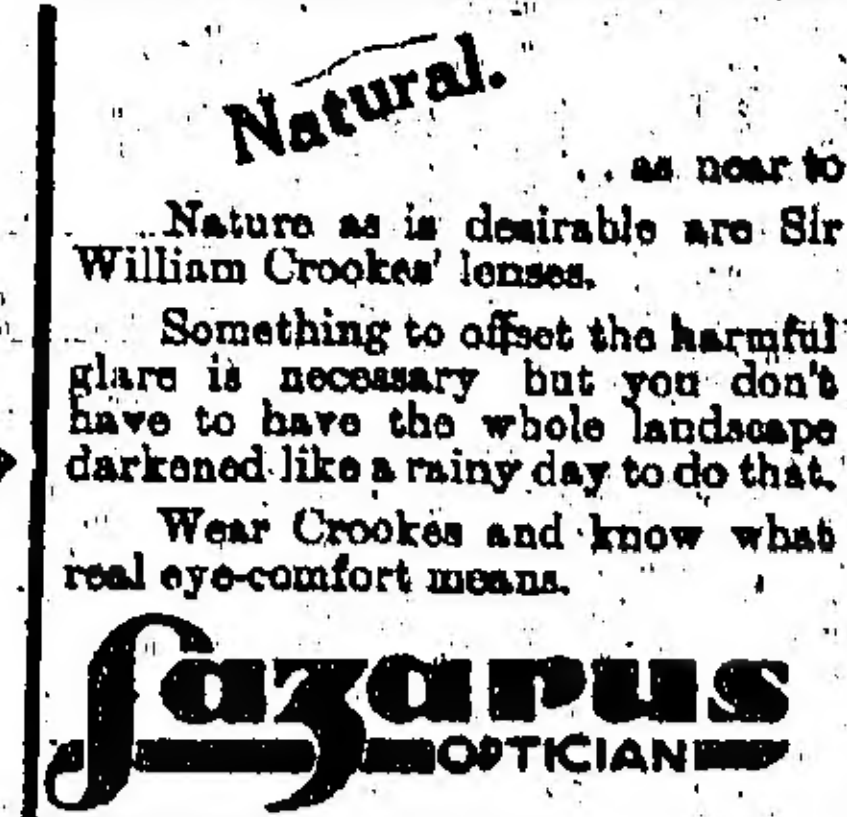
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MEDITERRANEAN TENSION CLIMAX EXPECTED SOON: ITALY STRIKING MAY 24?

Harvest First For Il Duce

While wild rumours continue to spread about Italy's imminent entry in the war on the side of Germany, the tension has somewhat abated and the tone of the Italian press is less aggressive towards France and Britain, states a Havas message, exclusive to the Hongkong Daily Press, received last night.

"MORAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT"

The police guards around the French and British Embassies and the Yugoslav Legation have been reduced.

Foreign quarters are of the opinion that the tension in the Mediterranean will reach a climax within six or seven weeks, namely, after the harvest which is a most important date for Italy. Others expect Italy's entry in the war on May 24, the anniversary date of Italy's entry in the war on the Allies side in 1915.

Observers are of the opinion that the Fascist Government's efforts to stir up the Italian masses was premature and the anti-Allied outbursts will be interrupted for some time.

Meanwhile, Italy is continuing "moral and diplomatic support" of Germany as heretofore.

War Must Not Be Allowed To Spread

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Referring to President Roosevelt's message to Congress, the DAILY TELEGRAPH declares: "Mr. Roosevelt's representations to Italy have already shown that he is determined to use the influence of the United States against aggression."

"What the most distinguished publicists in America, and the press in general, have been printing since the war on attack on Scandinavia and the Low Countries indicates the American people are heartily with the President in his resolution to ensure that the power of conquest by parachute and air-conveyed troops shall not prevail over civilisation."

"He sees clearly that only the strength of the British and French Empires now stands between Hitler and world dominion."

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—All buses disappeared from the streets of Paris yesterday as they were required for the transport of refugees.

Fighting In Belgium Is Reviewed

ALLIES' POSITION FAVOURABLE

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Reviewing the fighting in Belgium, the DAILY TELEGRAPH comes to the conclusion that the general position is favourable for the Allies.

Under the heading 'Open Warfare', the paper, in an editorial, writes: "It was stated by the French High Command yesterday that the battle of the Meuse, from Namur to Sedan, had 'taken on the characteristic of open warfare'."

"In this area fully mechanised armies are being put to the first fair test with ample equipment, tanks, aircraft and artillery on either side."

"The result, thus far, of the attack and counter-attack—in a tremendous clash—is such an intermingling of opposed forces, that no precise account of the line can be given."

"We are still far from a decision in the battle. Its fortunes may change again."

"Whatever the future may bring we are already certain that the offensive has met with a check unexpected by those who ordered it."

MORE GOOD WORK BY R.A.F.

LONDON, May 17 (BWS).—The Air Ministry announces that "during last night R. A. F. aircraft made further successful bombing attacks on military objectives in Germany."

CHINESE RECAPTURE TSAOYANG

FANCHING, May 17 (Central).—Culminating a week's successful operations, Chinese forces recaptured TsaoYang late yesterday evening, according to an urgent message received this morning.

TsaoYang strategic stronghold 70 miles north of Chungyang and 40 miles east of Siangyang was the base of Japanese operations in north Hubei for their unsuccessful drive toward the upper reaches of the Han River.

The message said the main Japanese force defending TsaoYang was routed, and the remnant troops are fleeing southward to Suhsien and Wuksien in utter confusion.

"WORLD AFFAIRS"

HITLER CANNOT LAST TWO WEEKS AT PRESENT RATE

Unrest In Nazi Germany Forced Fuehrer's Desperate Gamble

"HITLER WANTS TO WIN THE WAR IN TWO WEEKS, and he knows that if he fails he is doomed," declared Mr. H. Wickham Steed, eminent authority on "World Affairs," when he broadcast a review of the situation on the European Front from Daventry yesterday.

Mr. Wickham Steed said that at the moment when a great battle is raging in Belgium, when Holland has fallen, it is necessary that we take a long view and, above all, keep cool and calm. "That I am going to do and first deal with the question why Hitler has chosen to put forth his supreme effort at this stage."

INTERNAL DISSENSION IN GERMANY

It is a difficult question to answer and we can merely make a guess, but I think my guess is quite accurate.

Last week a German writer expressed the belief that the internal situation in Germany would not allow Hitler to stand still for much longer. This was before the invasion of Holland and Belgium, when the general opinion was that Hitler and his generals would stake everything on the great summer offensive.

I have good reason to believe that Hitler told Mr. Sumner Welles in their recent conversations that he had decided to smash the Allies in the summer. Then von Ribbentrop told the Pope that the Allies would, before long, be brought to their knees, all this pointing to the fact that Hitler could not wait.

PEACE OFFENSIVE FAILS
In June last year Hitler worked out a plan to invade Poland. Continued on Back Page.

Women Aliens Should Also Be Interned

NEWS - CHRONICLE ON ROUND-UP

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Welcomes Britain's "round-up" of aliens, the NEWS-CHRONICLE writes that the Government acted wisely in ordering the internment of still more Austrians and Germans but it may be doubted whether our precautions have gone far enough.

Now that we know the full menace of the saboteur and spy in Hitler's war we must re-examine the position of all aliens and stiffen restrictions wherever necessary.

Recent precautions had been confined to men of Austrian and German nationality but experience in Holland showed that women were also being used as Nazi agents.

It is illogical and unwise to intern only male aliens, the paper adds.

MINEFIELD IS LOCATED

PRETORIA, May 17 (Reuter).—A communiqué from the Defence Headquarters states "a minefield has been located off the Cape Agulhas. The Defence Department is taking adequate steps to deal with it and several mines have already been safely exploded."

"Cape Agulhas is the southern most point of Africa and a well-known mark for mariners on the Cape route."

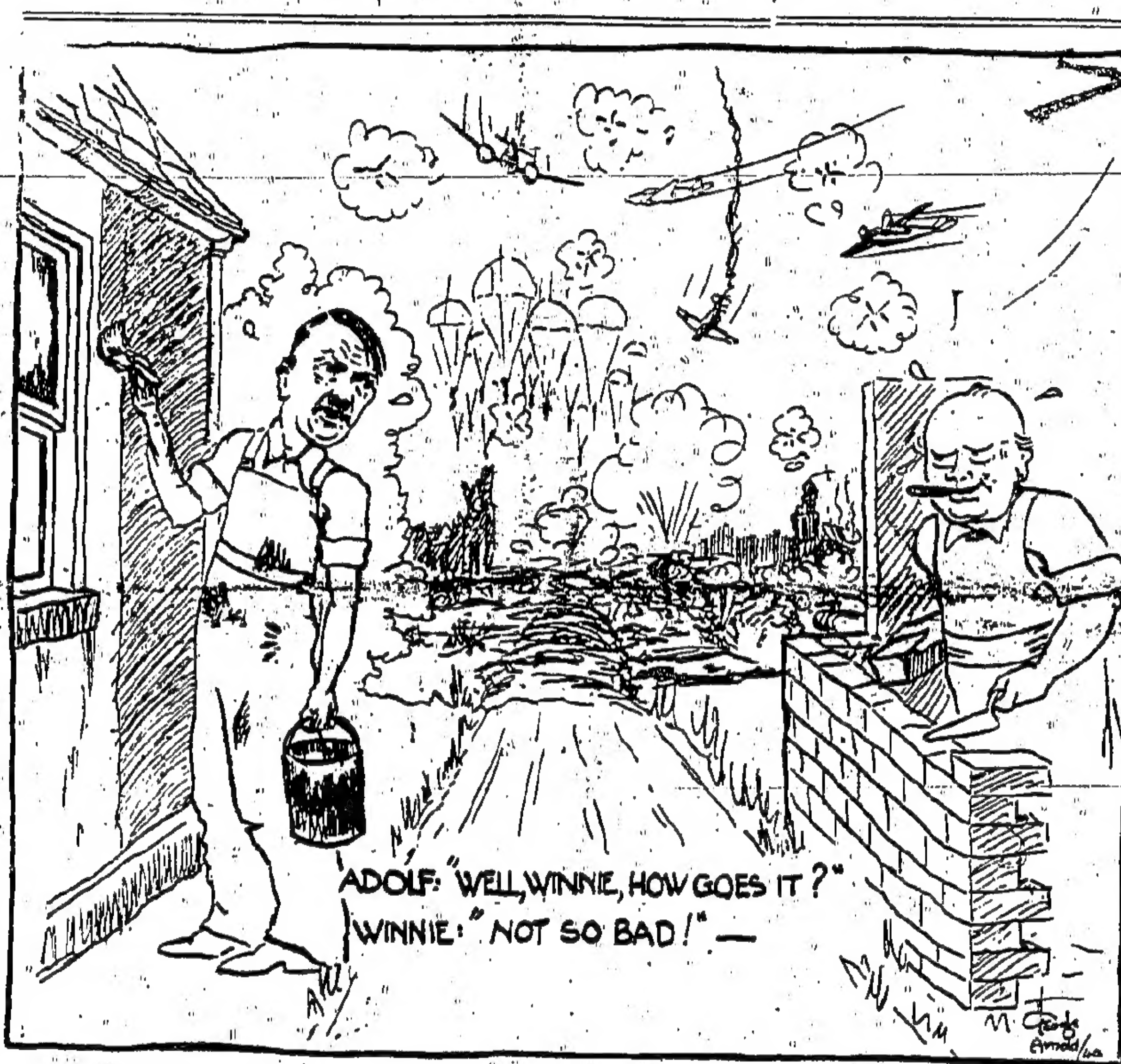
Dutch Royal Family May Go To N.E.I.

It is reported in informed circles that members of the Dutch royal family may be expected to transfer their residence in the near future from London to the Netherlands East Indies.

The Netherlands Government is now in London. Whether the seat of the Government will be transferred to the Netherlands East Indies, should Queen Wilhelmina make the trip, is not indicated.

Questioned regarding the authenticity of the report, Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg, Netherlands Consul-General in Hongkong, said he had received no official information to that effect.

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—It was not an accident, said the head of a convoy of five American Red Cross ambulances which were attacked on the Western Front by German planes.



General Gamelin Choosing Best Moment For Counter-Attack And Allied Line Said In No Danger

LONDON, MAY 17 (REUTER).—REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM REPORTS THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SITUATION AS FAR AS THE BRITISH FRONT IS CONCERNED, BUT THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE PAST 24 HOURS.

The British line east of Brussels, including Louvain, apparently remains intact. The question whether the British will do everything to hold the present line or withdraw to another position westward must be governed by the action of the Allies on the right, that is to the south.

General Gamelin, doubtless, has a plan dealing with a German wedge, but he is not the sort of man to do things in a hurry. Although the French has taken certain counter-measures to meet the German thrust with greater effectiveness, it seems that Gen. Gamelin is choosing his moment for a main counter-attack.

THE MAIN POINT HE HAS TO CONSIDER IS WHETHER THE GERMANS WILL TRY TO ROLL UP THE ALLIED LINE TO THE NORTH OF THE WEDGE OR TO THE SOUTH—THAT IS TO THE MAIN DEFENCES OF THE MAGINOT LINE PROPER.

BRIGADIER KILLED IN ACTION

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Brigadier Mainwaring Ravell Walsh, C.B., C.M.G., M.C. (Retd.) has been killed in action in France.

Son of the late Col. T. Prendergast Walsh, Brig. Walsh was in his 70th year. He served in the South African War and the Great War and from 1919 to 1921 commanded the 4th Worcestershire Regiment. He was Director of Organisation at Army Headquarters, India, from 1924 to 1927, and Brigade Commander, 146th West Riding Infantry Brigade, from 1928 to 1930.

The late Brig. Walsh was Brigadier in Command of Administration, Scottish Command, from 1930 to 1933 when he retired.

The British force, as merely part of the whole, must, therefore, await the outcome of the present battle in Runkon and Sedan and Gen. Gamelin's decision as to his next step.

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CHURCHILL FLIES TO FRANCE

It is learned, says British Wireless, that the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, flew to Paris on Thursday and has since returned.

Mr. Churchill conferred not only with the French Government but with French military advisers.

The visit is regarded in London and Paris as very valuable and useful and has been most beneficial and encouraging.

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that the second contingent of the Australian Imperial Force has arrived in Egypt and are now proceeding to Palestine under Major-General I. G. Mackay.

SUNDAY, MAY 26, TO BE A DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER

THE HEADS OF CHURCHES HAVE RESPONDED WHOLEHEARTEDLY to the King's desire that Sunday, May 26, should be observed as a day of national prayer on behalf of the nation and the Empire, of the Allies and of the cause in which they are united, reports British Wireless.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Cosmo Lang, states: "There ought to be no delay in enabling the whole nation, in acts of united prayer, to submit to the protection and blessing of Almighty God, the cause to which, with its Allies, it has pledged all its strength and men who on the sea and land and in the air are defending that cause."

Cardinal Hinsley and Archbishop Amigo state: "Only by turning to God through penance and prayer shall we be enabled to stem the flow of ruthless barbarism which has burst over the world and win the victory of right over might."

The Moderator of the Federal Council of the Evangelical Free Churches of England states: "It will be a united manifestation by all who hold Christian faith that God is more concerned than we that righteousness and truth be established in all the earth."

JAPANESE PLANES ATTACK CHINESE FISHING FLEET

Five Chinese are lying in Queen Mary Hospital as the result of a bombing attack on a fleet of fishing junks by five Japanese Naval warplanes off Mak Tin Ho, in Chinese territorial waters, on the morning of May 12.

The injured are:—KWOK YIN-CHIN, 50, fishing junk master, NG HEUNG, 29, junk foki, LAI KIU, 25, married woman, LO KAN, 25, married woman, and CHAN KO, 20, spinster.

In his report to the police, Kwok Hung-ming, foki of a Hongkong-registered junk, No. 1487, stated that the craft on which he was employed had left Hongkong on May 8 with a cargo of rice and a crew of ten men and four women, bound for Mak Tin Ho, in Chinese territory.

The attack occurred about 11 a.m., three days out of Hongkong, when five planes were seen approaching at a low altitude. The aircraft immediately swooped down on the junks.

On his own junk, Kwok stated, the entire crew, except for two who jumped into the sea, took refuge in the hold. While there, he heard the sound of machine gun fire and of bombs exploding.

He saw his father, the master of the fishing vessel, bleeding from the head, and there were four others aboard the craft who were wounded.

A junk in the near vicinity suffered a direct hit from a bomb, and was sunk.

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MR. SOUTHARD TO PITCH FIRST BALL TODAY

Mindanao-Brewers Cross Bats At Navy Field

BY R.O.Y.

Mr. Addison E. Southard, U.S. Consul-General, will speed the 1940 season on its way this afternoon when, at 2.30 p.m., he performs the traditional opening ceremony of pitching the first ball in the match between the U.S.S. Mindanao and the H.B. Club, at the R.N.R.C. Ground, Caroline Hill.

These two teams were selected by the League committee as being most capable of providing the excitement and entertainment fitting to such an occasion and the boys will be right in there dishing it out, so fans can expect an excellent contest.

Leading the Mindanao gang will be Pochie Chase who has forsaken his old spot at the Keystone back to take up the hindsnatching duties. Red Keplinger will be his starting hurler whose medium paced, but well controlled, benders should give the H.B. hitters a trying afternoon. Of Horseface Douglas, Crooner and Red Todd will handle first, second and third respectively while Bubbles Badrick will show his wares at the Windy Alley slot. Gardeners placed from left to right, will be Tony-Masavage, "Puddle-Jumper" Wilson and "Big" Padgett.

THE BREWERS

The Brewers will line-up Jesse Arculli on the mound, supported by Hal "Baby-face" Wing Lee behind the pan. Terry Leonard at the initial sack will try and reproduce the form that earned him the reputation of being one of the best first sackers seen locally some years back, while George Souza can be expected to give a flashy display at the middle cushion. Zinho Gosario, in his first season of baseball, will be stationed at the Hot Corner while Dave Leonard will round out a remarkably sound infield at his regular short-stop position.

R. Al. Stan Leonard and A. A. Rumpahn will form the pasture patrol, while in reserve will be such well-known players as Denham Cray, A. K. Omar, Tarzan Ismail and Sherry Bux. The sailor boys have been paying strict attention to business this year and have an even money chance of taking the honours, even though last year's records appear to show that the Brewers have a decided edge.

TOMORROW'S GAME

Although two "matches" were originally scheduled for tomorrow morning, only the Chung Hwa-Royal Engineers clash will be played, as South China have not yet selected their squad. Instead of

U.S. Baseball Results

NEW YORK, May 16 (Reuter).—Rain interfered with the Major Baseball League programme yesterday. The following games were postponed:

National League—Pittsburg v. New York; St. Louis v. Philadelphia.
American League—Washington v. Cleveland; New York v. Chicago; Philadelphia v. Detroit.

Only one game was completed; the Cincinnati-Brooklyn game was called at the end of the fourth innings owing to rain.

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NAVAL VOLUNTEERS RIFLE SHOOT

The following are the conditions for the Sunday shoot arranged by the Naval Volunteer Force Rifle Club:

One sighter and ten rounds and 200 and 500 yards.
TEAM SHOOT—One Team from each Affiliated Rifle Club, composed of Three S. R. (b) and Three S. R. (a) Rifles. "Nett" Scores to count in the total.

PRIZES—The Winning Team will receive a Cup and Six Spoons. S. R. (b) "Nett" Total Score 1st, A Cup; 2nd Spoon. S. R. (a) "Nett" Total Score 1st A Cup; 2nd Spoon.

In addition to the above there will be spoons presented for the Highest Nett score in each class at each range, together with One Sealed envelope competition for each class, open only to those who have not otherwise won a prize at this meeting. Handicap spoons will be given as usual by the Association.

There will be two spoons for Claybird shooting to be arranged for later.
No competitor will be eligible to

Annual Sports Meeting

WAH YAN PAST STUDENTS

The Wah Yan Past Students Association will hold its Third Annual Sports at Caroline Hill on Sunday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a 400 metres relay race, open to the Colony, entries for which should be sent to Mr. Tam Sik Poon, No. 178, Johnston Road, before 22nd inst.

A 400-metres-relay race will be open to teams from the "Wah" schools. Mrs. Ko Fook-son will give away the prizes.

The complete programme is as follows:

100 Metres, Long Jump, Cricket Ball Throwing, Obstacle Race, 400 Metres Relay race open to "Wah" schools, High Jump, 50 metres for Lady Workers of the War Relief Association, 200 Metres, Little Visitors' Race, Tug of War (Past students v. Present students), 400 Metres Relay Race open to the Colony, Football Match (Past students v. Present students), Consolation Race.

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE

C.R.C. EASILY BEAT K.C.C.

In the Mixed Doubles Tennis League yesterday, Chinese Recreation Club easily defeated the Kowloon Cricket Club by seven sets to two, on the home courts.

Lee Wal-tong and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu (C. R. C.) beat Sagram and Mrs. Sweeney 6-2, beat Zulaff and Mrs. Zimmerman 6-2, beat Mackay and Mrs. Sturgess 6-3.

Paul Kong and Miss, Yeung (C. R. C.), beat Sagram and Mrs. Sweeney 6-4, beat Zulaff and Mrs. Zimmerman 6-2, beat Mackay and Mrs. Sturgess 6-1.

W. C. Hung and Mrs. Choy (C. R. C.), lost to Sagram and Mrs. Sweeney 1-6, lost to Zulaff and Mrs. Zimmerman 2-6, beat Mackay and Mrs. Sturgess 6-3.

H. K. C. C. WIN

At Cox's Path, Hongkong Cricket Club beat the Kowloon Cricket Club "A" by 64 sets to 24.

E. C. Fincher and Mrs. E. H. Williams (K. C. C.) lost to L. Goldman and Miss A. Taylor 3-6; beat B. C. Fay and Mrs. L. R. Andrews 7-5; beat T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong 6-1.

E. F. Fincher and Mrs. Keyan (K. C. C.) lost to Goldman and Miss Taylor 2-6; beat Fay and Mrs. Andrews 6-4; drew with Pearce and Miss Armstrong 4-6.

G. C. Burnett and Miss B. Har-ker (K. C. C.) lost to Goldman and Miss Taylor 2-6; lost to Fay and Mrs. Andrews 2-6; lost to Pearce and Miss Armstrong 4-6.

POSTPONED

The match between University and U. S. R. C. was postponed.

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow are:

OLD COURSE

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| 9.16 | M. Pollock and J. W. Anderson |
| 9.20 | J. Linaker and J. B. Harrison |
| 9.24 | L. R. Andrews and I. H. Gear |
| 9.28 | A. R. S. Major and F. C. Young |
| 9.32 | A. D. Humphreys and F. A. Redmond |
| 9.36 | D. L. Newbigging and F. S. Gibbings |
| 9.40 | G. C. Worrall and A. K. Mackenzie |
| 9.44 | A. N. and Q. A. A. Macrad-ye |
| 9.48 | A. S. Allison and Capt. Far-fer |
| 9.52 | J. C. Taylor and E. G. Price |
| 10.12 | R. C. Gairdner and M. G. Carruthers |
| 10.16 | Major Penfold and Major Temple |
| 10.20 | Capt. Bridge and Major MacPherson |

NEW COURSE

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| 9.20 | R. R. Pearson and F. A. Peters |
| 9.48 | Mrs. Farrar and Miss Walker |

win more than one cup and one spoon or two spoons.
Mrs. Petrie, wife of the Commanding Officer, has graciously consented to give away the Prizes at the conclusion of the programme, approximately at 12.30 p.m.

SPORTS

HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR SIXTH EXTRA MEETING

The following are the handicap weights for the Sixth Extra Race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held on Saturday, May 25:

1.—Carpentaria Handicap (1 Mile)

A Good Time 142, A Green Time 135, Brown Derby 142, Catterick Bridge 139, Grand Allegiance 135, Maple Star 140, Piccadilly Jim 150, Princess-Claro 155, Sea Jay 163, Spring Shine 155, Surprise Again 145, Winnie 135.

2.—Shing Mun H'cap (6 Furlongs)

Avon 145, Conquering Time 151, English Cavalier 161, Eve of Folly 144, Galaxy 158, Lillibet 161, Peace-ful View 140, Red Feather 161, Rob Roy 140, Rose Emily 154.

3.—Moreton Bay H'cap—"D" Class (1 Mile)

A Good Time 152, A Green Time 142, Brown Derby 162, Colorado Star 135, Dick Turpin 148, Heinz 145, Income Tax 165, Murray River 140, Nancy Lee 145, Piccadilly Jim 160, Pocomos 145, Schmetterling 135, Sea Urchin 143, Tarzan 135, Winnie 143, Zodiac 135.

4.—Yangtze Handicap (1 Mile)

Attacking Time 154, Blue Field 146, Emergency Unit 140, Eve of Danc-ing 140, Eve of Folly 153, Eve of Hunting 140, Eve of Peace 140, Hugh-ber 158, Jane Doe 140, Possible 158, Victoria 140.

5.—Hervey Bay H'cap—"A" Class (From the 11 Mile Post)

Albury 136, Ascot Day 148, Con-quer 140, Contact 140, Counting Eve 165, Criffel 136, Devonian 142, Lancashire Chips 145, Lucky Lad 138, Many Thanks 150, Melody Star 150, Tornador Star 149, Vanity Fair 152, Viceroy 138.

N.B.—If top weight does not accept, all weights to be raised 5 lb.

6.—Wallend Handicap—"C" Class (1 Mile)

Bredon 155, Catterick Bridge 149, Comedy Star 140, Discovery Bay 140, Forehand Drive 135, Grand Allegiance 142, Maple Star 150, National Victory 152, Rising Star 152, Roofly 155, Snowy River 154, Spring Shine 162, Strathcarrick 147, Violet Queen 148.

7.—West River H'cap—"D" Class (6 Furlongs)

Ascot Vale 140, Bistre 160, Desert Star 141, Double Charter 144, Gold Coin 140, Golden Cow 140, Good Morning 144, Jack O'Lantern 148, Kut Cheung 157, Night View 166, Orange Boven 158, Piet Hein 145, Soldier of China 156, Sunlight View 168, Talkative 140, Tim 144, Tiny Tim 140.

8.—Great Bight H'cap—"B" Class (6 Furlongs)

A Great Time 159, Annabella 135, Derby Day 145, Double Finesse 155, Princess Claro 147, Pumpernickel 148, Teviotdale 148, Triumphant Day 160, Vixen Tor 145.

9.—Lantau H'cap—"C" Class (From the 2 Mile Post, Once Round & In)

Advancing Time 149, Attacking Time 162, Blue Field 154, Blue Gate 151, Bronze Arrow 140, Commence-ment Bay 140, Emergency Unit 144, Eve of Danc-ing 148, Eve of Reason 158, Gladiator 158, Hugh-ber 168, Jane Doe 151, Lady Love 140, Lancashire Boy 140, Laughing Girl 140, Little Princess 155, National Pride 140, National Success 140, Oomph 148, Pinfarthings 151, Romeo 140, Rose Flana 158, Rose Perfect 161, Rose-Queen 140, Royal Highness 140, Salvage Master 140, Seaside View 145, Smashing Through 161, Sylvandale 140, Tampa Bay 152, Taxing Master 157, Thirty Six 158, Xenophon 151.

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A Swimming Gala will be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday next, May 25, starting at 9 p.m. A meet-ing of the Swimming Committee will be held on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The fourth bi-annual contest for model aeroplanes will be held to-morrow at 11.30 a.m. on the open ground at the end of Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong.

SOFTBALL AT MACAO

HONGKONG PLAYERS ENTERTAINED

From Our Own Correspondent
MACAO, May 12.—Softball gained admission into the local realm of sport this afternoon when four Hongkong squads, under the leadership of "Doc" Molthen and other Hongkong diamond luminaries, put up an exhibition of the game at the Candrome Stadium.

Two games were played. In the first, Portugal, wearing the Recreio colours, battled to a win over the Rest of Hongkong. Among some of the players who were seen in action were the Gosano brothers, Nick Beltrao, Johnny Alvarez, Tony Alves, Dave Leonard, and other well-known base hitters.

The second game was temporarily held up on account of a heavy rain squall. Mostly bare-footed, and slithering through the mud, very often on their backs, the Chinese Ladies faced the Rest of Hongkong.

An indication of local interest in softball was demonstrated by the large turnout of spectators at this exhibition.

SPORTING

FIXTURES

TODAY

BOWLS LEAGUE—First Division, Kowloon B.G.C. v. Recreio A.; Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C. Kowloon Docks v. Indian R.C.; Police v. Hongkong Football Club; Craigengower v. Recreio B. Second Division, Kowloon Tong v. Craigengower; Police v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Cricket Club v. Kowloon F.C.; Recreio v. Kowloon C.C.; Talkoo v. Civil Service. Third Division, Indian R.C. v. Electric; Prison Officers v. Craigengower; Kowloon F.C. v. Cricket Club; Hongkong Football Club v. Kowloon B.G.C.

SWIMMING.—Entries close for European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Gala, 4 p.m.

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BIGGEST R.A.F. RAID OF THE WAR

French Shell German Munition Dump

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Up to late last evening the following was the position on the Lowland western front.

Two features of yesterday's operations were the biggest R.A.F. raid of the war and fighting west of Sedan.

The Air Ministry announced that the R.A.F. raid lasted the whole night. The planes bombed the enemy road, rail and communications east of the Rhine. Many tons of bombs were dropped and many fires and explosions followed.

The Nazis have kept fairly quiet about the raid although a passing reference to it was made by the German High Command which claims that no military objectives were hit, but a number of civilians were killed. They also stated that the bombs only did a little damage.

The Allied High Command has taken the necessary dispositions which it hopes will be successful. East and south of Sedan, the enemy is being held and the only activity there is heavy artillery fire.

The communiqué states that operations are taking on the characteristics of open warfare. Tanks and planes are being used in large numbers.

Owing to the higher interests of the conduct of military operations the communiqué could not give any further details for the present.

Responsible spokesmen do not deny that the position between Namur and Sedan is serious but they assert that Allied High Command has taken the necessary measures to reduce the pocket French defences at Sedan.

GREAT MELEE OF TROOPS
Some of the German motorised units which broke through at Sedan got to the rear of the French lines but by Wednesday evening the French were able to counter-attack.

Presumably, the enemy resumed operations yesterday but up to a late hour in the afternoon there was no more news.

Nazis Stake Their All

FRENCH PREMIER'S STIRRING TALK

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—"Germany has decided to stake her all," declared M. Paul Reynaud, the French Premier, when with his National Union Government, he faced the Chamber yesterday afternoon.

M. Reynaud added that Germany had thrown herself on three free people and today she aimed at the heart of France.

Holland had lost her soil but had discovered in a few days those virtues which had made her greatness in history. The Dutch Government had told him, "We shall be at your side with all the resources of our Empire to the very end."

FRANCE CAPABLE
M. Reynaud said Hitler has decided to make war to smash France, dominate Europe and thereafter the world.

Hitler wanted to win the war in two months. "If he fails, he is lost but he has taken the risk. We are perfectly aware of the peril. We know that these coming days, weeks and months will mould centuries to come. Peril has united the nation. On the day when everything seems lost, the world will see that France is capable." (Loud and prolonged cheers)

"We must not be satisfied with vague hopes or words. Our soldiers are fighting, blood is flowing. The times ahead of us may have nothing in common with the past."

NO ROOM FOR WEAKNESS
"Revolutionary measures will have to be taken. We may have to change everything in methods and men."

M. Reynaud, after stating that every weakness would be met with immediate punishment of death, concluded:

"We are full of hope because we know that our lives count for nothing. One thing alone counts: Preserve France."

Remarkable scenes of enthusiasm followed, the Deputies standing and applauding for a long time.

The Chamber adjourned sine die, the President being empowered to recall Parliament if necessary.

MAYBE IT'S ONLY CONTEMPT!

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Early yesterday the German radio told the German people a thrilling tale of how the world is gazing in wonder at the marvellous courage displayed by the German army in Holland, Belgium and France.

Hitler long ago foresaw this beautiful picture of the future which was now being realised on the battlefields of the west, the announcer went on unblushingly.

The German press trumpets that the battle is a decisive hour for the German people. They must forget the great sacrifice of life and think only of the outcome which will be to give Germany a great world empire and make her the mightiest nation in the world.

MAY GERMANY BE CRUSHED, FERVENT ITALIAN PRAYER

ROME, May 17 (Reuter).—There is a widespread feeling here yesterday that even if the Government has decided upon eventual belligerency, the present state of alarm may continue for some time.

The sailing of the Conte de Savoia is taken as an indication of at least a fortnight's peace since it is thought that Italy will not care to risk the seizure of this ship in the Atlantic.

Meanwhile the Press continues to give whole-hearted support to Germany.

It is nevertheless clear that anxiety is growing daily among the masses regarding present operations and many a prayer is being uttered that Germany shall be speedily crushed.

Chins Up In Belgium

EXCELLENT MORALE, SAYS PREMIER

BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter).—M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, yesterday declared that the situation was serious.

He said that the German plan consists in attacking only on a limited front on which they pile up such quantities of material and support their attacks with such large air forces that the task of the defenders becomes extremely difficult.

This plan allows the German High Command to ensure territorial gains but at a cost of enormous losses of men and material.

At certain points, he said, the front had been successively taken and retaken.

ENORMOUS SACRIFICES
There were literally great heaps of destroyed tanks.

Similarly the German air force continued to strike twice or three times to those of the Allies and are making enormous sacrifices.

However, he said, the Allies appeared to have grown used to some extent to the German air attacks and to a war of movement in which their forces were most often attacked by an invisible enemy.

Despite their fatigue, M. Spaak continued, the morale of the troops was excellent—especially since contact had been established between the Belgian and Allied troops.

Reinforcements were arriving steadily.

DUTCH NAVY TO WORK WITH ALLIES

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The Journal de Genève, a Bernese newspaper, yesterday said that despite Holland's capitulation the Dutch Navy will participate in Allied naval operations.

The great resources of the Dutch Colonies, says the paper, are at the disposal of the Allies.

General Gamelin has chosen a site for the great battle on the western front, continues the Journal de Genève.

This does not allow us to foresee its issue, but give the Allies confidence and good chances of success.

The brilliant successes of the German Army on the Somme in 1918 were a prelude to its destruction.

Heavy Battle In Zeeland

DUTCH DESTROY OIL SOURCES

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The latest information reaching London indicates that heavy fighting is still proceeding in Zeeland.

On the eastern side of the dent which they yesterday forced in the line about Sedan, the Germans are now held.

On the west side of the dent, the situation is stated to be serious but not critical.

Liege is isolated but appears to be holding out, and information suggests that Namur may be isolated, but the information is not definite on this point.

In any case Namur is also holding out.

North of Zeeland fighting is proceeding between Allied and German troops. Fighting has been particularly heavy in Walcheren and Beveland.

In Belgium, the line still runs roughly east to Antwerp towards Louvain and Charleroi and southwards towards Mezieres and on towards Longwy.

The most serious part of the line is between Dinant and Sedan.

SITUATION CONFUSED
On Wednesday afternoon, north of Namur the Germans launched several attacks on British, French and Belgian troops. At Sedan they began violent attacks which, by evening, seemed checked, and at certain points Allied troops made slight progress along the Meuse.

In the Vosges, there was heavy artillery fire against the Maginot Line and in the Rhine the French fired upon the German line.

A French message reaching London stated that between Namur and Sedan, the situation is very confused.

The Germans profited by the advances and pushed forward armoured columns which penetrated some distance into the French line.

It now appears that practically all the oil in Amsterdam and Rotterdam was destroyed by the Dutch and so did not fall into German hands.

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—More Dutch refugees arrived here yesterday, including officers and men of the Dutch army who escaped in trawlers. The trawlers were bombed and machine-gunned by German planes which secured no hits and were driven off by two British warships. A Dutch civilian reports that all petrol stocks were set on fire as the Germans approached.

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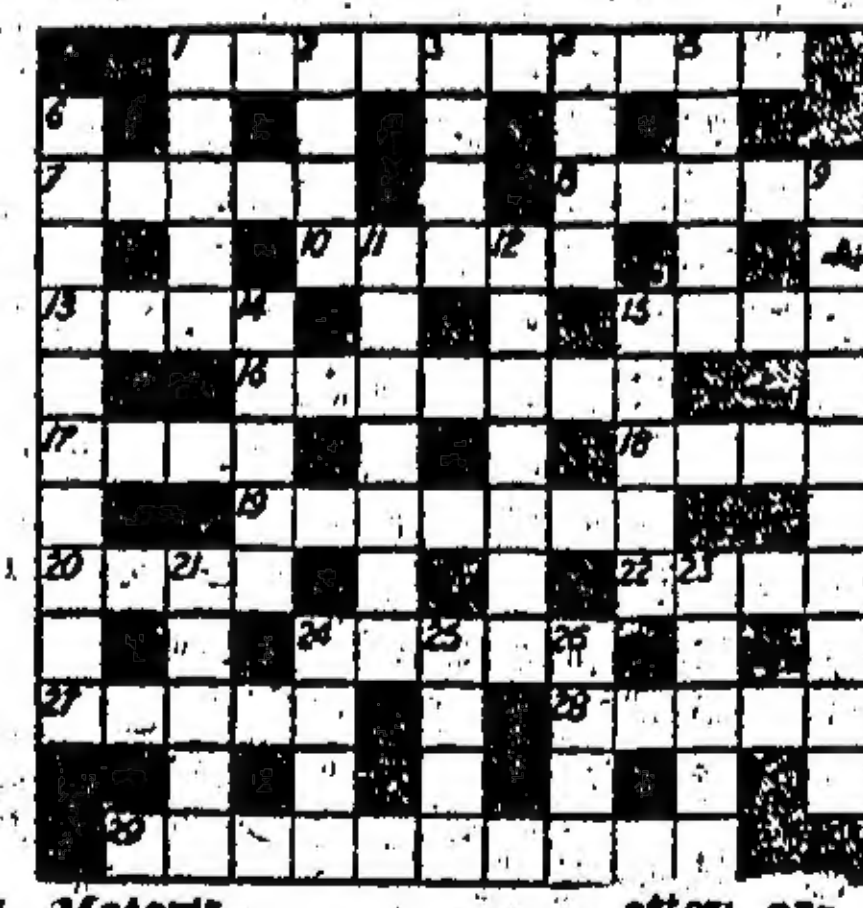
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- 1 Rite
- 7 Orientals
- 8 Jephunneh's son
- 10 Farmers' dupe
- 13 Places
- 15 Fabel
- 16 Silk
- 17 Song
- 18 Sleeve material
- 19 Crawling animal
- 20 A war lord
- 22 Direction
- 24 Saying
- 27 Opponent
- 28 Sleeping thoughts
- 30 Fiddle

DOWN

- 1 Cautious
- 2 Remainder



- 3 Majority
- 4 Agreeable
- 5 Bally's home
- 6 Log
- 9 Late (two words)
- 11 Lacking
- 12 Owls
- 14 Outset
- 15 Thick of it
- 21 Split
- 23 Repr-
- 24 Too
- 25 Are in
- 26 Ravour
- 28 Girl's name

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A. R. P. DIRECTOR APPEALS FOR MORE RECRUITS

(TO THE EDITOR, HONGKONG DAILY PRESS)

Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of your paper, appeal to all managers and owners of business firms, factories, hotels, flats, and buildings of similar nature, to put their House in order, so that should an emergency ever arise in the Colony, they will be in a position to put their A. R. P. plan of operation into effect with smoothness and efficiency.

The action that I would suggest should be taken immediately is:—

- To appoint a small committee with, if applicable, representatives from each firm occupying the building;
 - To appoint an official to prepare a co-ordinated A. R. P. scheme for the whole of the building, and to take executive charge in times of emergency;
 - To detail employees to take A. R. P. courses, which will enable them not only to instruct the remainder of the employees, but also to act as leaders, should the need ever arise.
- As a basis, I would suggest that one individual in every ten should be thoroughly trained in the following subjects:—
- The selection of the most suitable place to utilise as a refuge;
 - The methods which can be employed to make the selected refuge reasonably proof against the effects of blast and splinters from high explosive bombs;
 - The methods of controlling incendiary bombs and the preventive action which can be taken to prevent the spread of fire;
 - Personal protection against the effects of chemical warfare;
 - Elementary first aid, both for wounded and/or gas casualties;
 - Co-ordination with the Air

Raid Warden Post situated nearest to their building;

(vii) Knowledge of the Air Raid Warning signals, Lighting Restrictions and Government A. R. P. Organization.

Many firms have already prepared A. R. P. schemes, and to them I would ask for even more employees to be trained, and to other firms, I would earnestly appeal for their co-operation.

It will be asked, how can I assist? My reply is that Government will train free of charge as many employees as may be nominated by the firms concerned. If managers or owners of premises will be good enough to inform me at the above address of the number of their employees, they wish to be trained, I will gladly arrange for their instruction, either in English or Chinese, in the subjects mentioned above, at the times and places convenient.

Approximately 3,000 trained Wardens have volunteered for public duty, but their task and that of the essential services will be made easier in the knowledge that all business firms and factories, etc. have trained men and women capable of dealing with any situation which might arise—Yours etc.

A. H. STEELE-PERKINS
Director of Air Raid Precautions.

NEW DEFENCE (FINANCE) REGULATIONS

ORDERS FOR SALE OF SECURITIES IN U. K.

The following notice has been issued by the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary:—

It is notified for general information that under new Defence (Finance) Regulations published in the United Kingdom.

(1) all orders by residents of Hongkong for sale of securities in the United Kingdom;

(2) all coupons sent from Hongkong for collection in the United Kingdom must be accompanied by declarations.

(a) that they are owned by residents of Hongkong;

(b) that no enemy interest is involved.

Such declarations by sellers will suffice for a United Kingdom bank or broker if the seller in Hongkong is known to them. Otherwise such declarations should be confirmed by a local British bank.

In the case of securities for which the register is in the United Kingdom and which are on the market in Hongkong the registrar in the United Kingdom may give effect to any transfer emanating from Hongkong only if the documents are accompanied by declarations signed by transferor and transferee or by a local British bank that

(a) all persons having an interest in the securities, both as transferors and transferees are resident in Hongkong;

(b) no enemy interest is involved.

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

A former Water Department coolie, Fong Tsun-yan, 23, was fined \$100, in default two months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Court yesterday on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

Sgt. Morrison, prosecuting, said that defendant on May 14, called at No. 42, Sai Yeung Choi Street, ground floor, where he informed Yeung Hong, 28, the principal tenant, that the Water Department had sent him to put right a water cock that was out of order.

Having examined the water cock and tinkered with it, defendant then told the principal tenant that he would have to pay a bill of \$5 to the Water Department, and he would immediately give him a receipt.

Yeung Hong, the tenant, then gave defendant \$2.50 asking that he wait until the following day for the balance. Defendant gave him a receipt, but after he left complainant noticed that the receipt was dated "1934" and reported the case to the police. Defendant was subsequently arrested and charged.

Jockey Club Generosity

The Stewards of The Hongkong Jockey Club have voted the following charitable donations for the current year:—

Hongkong Benevolent Society \$5,000, Little Sisters of the Poor 3,000, War Memorial Nursing Home—Endowment Fund 4,000, Diocesan School and Orphanage 3,000, Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals 3,500, Sailors Home and Missions to Seamen 2,000, The Salvation Army 2,500, Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 1,500, Tung Wah Hospital 2,500, Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2,500, Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children 3,000, Poppy Day Fund 3,000, Sailors and Soldiers Home 2,000, Children's Playgrounds Association 1,000, St. John Ambulance Association 2,000, Mission of Seventh Day Adventists 1,000, St. Louis Industrial School 1,000, Society of St. Vincent de Paul—Blind Home 1,000, Cheero Club 1,000, Hongkong Boy Scouts Association 1,000, Canossian Convent 500, The Boys' and Girls' Club Association 750, Ministering Children's League 250, Social Service Centre of the Churches 500, Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council 500, Diocesan Girls' School Building Fund 2,500, Po Leung Kuk 1,000. Total \$51,500.

SNATCHER CAUGHT

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed on Kwan Cheung, 30, coolie, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday to a charge of theft of \$100 from a visitor to the Colony at the Hongkong and Canton Wharf.

Tang Cheung had just arrived from Macao and was leaving the wharf after he had shown the Police the necessary amount required for landing when the defendant snatched the banknotes from his hand.

Kwan was also recommended for banishment.

HELP FOR RED CROSS

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China have approved the following grant, and cheque for \$4,800, has accordingly been sent to the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China:—

For Kwangtung and Hongkong Christian Relief Committee, formerly at Yan Ping, but now moved to Kung Yik area of West River District, for maintenance of hospital and clinics under the care of Dr. A. J. Fisher, for 8 months, May to December, 1940, at the rate of H.K. \$400, per month \$4,800.00.

Appearing on remand before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court, charged with bringing into the Colony and possession of a ward, two married women, Wong Sap-yi and Wong Sap-sam, were each fined \$25 or three weeks' hard labour.

King's Park Incident

FOUR MEN ACCUSED OF ROBBERY

Committal proceedings on a charge of robbery with violence at King's Park on the afternoon of March 6 were commenced before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday against Kam Chun, 25, Chan Wal, 25, Lo Chiu-luen, 19, and Lau Yuk, 19, who were charged and arrested by several refugees of the King's Park Refugee Camp.

Lau Lai-kwan, complainant, stated that about 3 p.m. on May 6 she was walking with her cousin, Tam Ping, in King's Park, when she was approached by a man whom she later identified as third defendant. He told complainant he would have to search Tam for contraband.

Three other men then came on the scene. Not finding anything of value on Tam, they proceeded to search Lau. She took out 20 cents and offered it to defendants, but first defendant, she alleged, struck her on the chest. The two men standing behind her pushed her to the ground and struck several blows at her, the witness further alleged.

PUT HAND IN POCKET

Seeking to prevent their taking her purse, which contained \$8 and a gold ring, she put her hand inside the pocket where it was kept. First defendant, noticing this action on her part, pulled away her hand and took the purse. The four men then ran and Tam pursued first defendant. Four refugees at King's Park Camp, seeing the men running, joined in the chase and caught Kam Chun.

The following day witness identified defendants at Yau-mat Police Station.

Other witnesses will be heard on Wednesday afternoon.

RADIO SALESMAN CHARGED

Charles Archer, 28, salesman, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday on a charge of fraudulent conversion.

He was alleged to have converted into his own use a radio set, property of the Bosco Radio Corporation, which was to be delivered to Mr. A. Li of the On Lok Yuen Restaurant.

Mr. F. D. Gardner, assistant manager of the firm, appeared as complainant.

Defendant was remanded for 72 hours. Bail was fixed at \$2,000.

SALE OF A MINOR

Charged with having taken part in the transaction of a minor, a married woman named Po Sze, aged 28, was remanded for 72 hours by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at Central Court yesterday.

Inspector Moreton, of the S. C. A., who prosecuted, said that the father of the child concerned left his son in the charge of a woman because he had to work. He gave the woman 20 cents a day for the trouble. Some days later he became suspicious because he saw several women about, and on Wednesday last he followed the woman, who was together with the defendant. The two women were buying a new outfit for his son. He then called the police and had the defendant followed. Later in the day the defendant was arrested on a sloop, on board of which was found the boy.

PIRACY VICTIMS SUCCUMBS

Another victim of the piracy which took place off Sam Mun Chai on May 6, died at the Kowloon Hospital on Thursday. The victim was the eighth person who succumbed to injuries received as a result of the brutal attack by a gang of pirates. Their junk was set on fire after having been plunged into petrol.

COLONY HEALTH

Fifty-two cases of tuberculosis (one imported), three cases of dysentery, three of measles, three of enteric fever and one case of small-pox were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight, May 16.

Pleading guilty to a summons for driving a car at an excessive speed, namely 40 miles per hour, P. R. Wanklin, of North Point, was fined \$10 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at Central Court yesterday.

REFEREES HOLD SUCCESSFUL WHIST DRIVE

A very enjoyable evening was spent by 92 competitors at the whist drive held by the Hongkong Football Referees' Association at the Hotel Cecil, Mrs. Dove presenting the prizes at the conclusion of the function.

Excellent arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Ford, M.C., and his committee.

There were splendid prizes one of which was kindly donated by Mrs. A. G. James, of Kowloon, and another by Dominago, of Hongkong.

The raffle draw resulted as follows:—1st Ticket No. 2156; 2nd No. 2785; 3rd No. 2398; 4th 2402; 5th 806.

PRIZE WINNERS

The prize winners in the whist drive were as follows:—

Ladies—1st Miss Redwood; 2nd Miss Coats; 3rd Mrs. Shepherd; 4th Miss Taylor.

Gentlemen—1st Mr. Laves; 2nd Mr. Dunn; 3rd Mr. Westwood; 4th Mr. Cooney.

The next whist drive will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Friday, June 14, at 8.30 p.m. when there will be the usual fine array of prizes.

The Referees' Association thanks the public for their support in the drive for funds for the new clubhouse and hope that that support will be continued at future functions.

Passengers

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The following passengers left Hongkong on a J.C.S.L. liner yesterday.

Mr. R. Murray, Miss D. Pearce, Mr. R. A. da Silva, Mr. W. T. Chang, Mr. Y. Horiguchi, Mr. Russell Fleming, Mr. K. S. Wong, Miss A. Aycock, Master A. Masseur, Mr. J. Ch. A. Gundersen, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Yuen.

DEPARTURES

The following passengers left Hongkong yesterday:

Mr. A. H. Ballantyne, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bardelet, Mr. E. C. G. Barrett, Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Brauer and children, Capt. and Mrs. Frank L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Burns, Mrs. E. W. Claxton and family, Surg.-Comdr. T. L. Clave, R.N., and Mrs. Clave and children, Mrs. M. Dearu, Mrs. V. Delheim, Mrs. A. G. D'Lasie, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Dobree, Mr. and Mrs. D. Drummond, Miss D. Dunnett, Mr. F. W. Elker, Mr. M. Elahi, Miss Nora E. Elliott, Miss A. M. Ferguson, Mr. J. C. G. Ferguson, Rev. A. J. Gedy, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. C. Goode, Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett, D.S.O., M.C., Mr. M. J. M. Gratacap, Capt. and Mrs. James D. Groves, Mrs. R. L. Outteries and son.

Rev. A. P. Hadwen, Miss Peggy Harding, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Holbrook and daughter, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. Alexander Imbert, Mr. H. P. K. Jacks, Mrs. E. M. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. King and daughter, Mr. D. J. Kinnear, Miss W. C. Lambie, Mrs. G. Langford and children, Mr. S. P. Langley, Mr. R. Leach, Mr. A. P. Malish, Mrs. G. V. T. Marshall, Miss M. D. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKeechie, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. McLeod, Mr. J. C. Menhinick, Miss E. Moore, Sir Andrew and Lady Noble and children, Mr. L. G. Owen, Miss Annie Parkes, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Pearce and children, Mr. J. E. Pipe, Mrs. Audrey Price and children.

Mr. S. Ramaro, Miss D. Rayden, Mr. W. Richards, Capt. J. E. Ridsdale, Brig. and Mrs. E. J. Ross, Miss Dorothy M. Ross, Mr. S. A. Shylji, Mr. P. B. Shroff, Miss M. M. Shroff, Mr. C. Sills, Miss C. Smith, Mrs. E. Spencer-Brock, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stark-Toller, Mr. R. Stephen, Miss G. Stephenson, Capt. R. E. T. St. John, Dr. (Miss) Ruth M. Tait, Mr. A. K. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Tovey, Mr. A. Wahab, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. E. Warrior, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilson, Mr. A. Yusufally, Mr. W. Anderson.

FOR THE NORTH

The following passengers left on a British ship for the north yesterday: Mrs. M. Holz, Mr. S. W. Thomas, Capt. E. Haga, Mr. Peplow and Mr. Bruce.

Mr. Luis Chan, vice-president of the Hongkong Working Artists' Guild, will give his fifth one-man exhibition of oil and water colour paintings at St. John's Cathedral Hall from Saturday, May 25 until Tuesday, May 28 (Sunday excepted) daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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Airport News

IMPERIAL PLANE ARRIVES

The delayed Imperial Airways inward plane Delphinus (Capt. A. B. Dykes and F.O. I. Hardy) arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 3.15 p.m.

She brought 232 kilos of mail, 42.2 kilos of freight and two passengers from London—Mrs. K. Edmondston and Miss Edmondston.

Imperial Airways outward plane taking the Hongkong mails will leave Kai Tak on Sunday morning.

The next inward plane, with London mails of May 11, is expected to arrive in Hongkong tomorrow.

HONOLULU CLIPPER

Pan American Airways Honolulu Clipper is expected to arrive in Hongkong on Tuesday and will return to Manila the following morning.

CROWN LAND SALE

Ten lots of Crown Land were sold at the District Office, South, yesterday.

Seven lots were sold at the upset price, while one lot of 31 acres, situated at Ha Kwai Chung, was purchased by the successful bidder at \$202, nearly 100 per cent above the upset price of \$117. The other two lots with the upset price of \$5 and \$7 were sold at \$20 each.

C.I.C. DANCE

A very successful dinner dance and cabaret entertainment was held by the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives last night at the Peninsula Hotel when a large gathering was present.

There were several very attractive and entertaining cabaret numbers.

The Dance Committee consisted of Mesdames H. C. Chen, C. Fortescue, J. Y. Koh, J. E. Potter, Catherine Tsang, Mini Tsang, Lily Yui, the Misses S. C. Chen, Doris Kotewall, Helen Kotewall, Lucy Liang, A. F. Wong, Dora Wong and Amy Yeung.

The unveiling of the portraits of the first headmistresses of Fairlie and Victoria Home, in connection with the third anniversary celebrations of the C.M.S. Heep Yuen School, will take place today at 3 p.m.



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IN THE GOODS of WALTER HOSKING MASLEN of 25 Bishopsgate in the City of London and of 78 Viceroy Court, Prince Albert Road, Regents Park in the County of Middlesex, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 14th June, 1940.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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ADVERTISEMENTS

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May, to the 2nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 16138 for 50 shares Nos. 73004/73053 issued on 2nd February, 1932 and Certificate No. 19273 for 16 shares Nos. 468410/468425 issued on 11th March, 1936 in the name of CHEUNG SUNG PUN have been declared LOST and should the same not be produced before 3rd JUNE, 1940, they shall be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT.

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Agents,
Hong Kong, 16th May, 1940.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED.

FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1941, of three per cent, that is \$3.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Saturday, the 1st June, 1940, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th to the 31st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
CHUNG YAM TING,
Acting Secretary.

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HITLER'S FIFTH COLUMN

WORKING unobtrusively and unostentatiously, but using all the wiles, deceptions, and stratagems for which the Nazi war organisation has now become so well known, Herr Hitler's "shock troops," continue to bring into effect the full repertoire of their tricks in every country in Europe today. It is most difficult to locate them and even harder to prevent their foul methods from achieving some measure of success. They mix with the inhabitants of the countries to which they have been assigned, wearing civilian clothes, and are, to all appearance, peaceful and law-abiding citizens of the countries which Herr Hitler's lust for aggression has chosen to be the victims of his dreams of world domination. As phase has succeeded phase in the hostilities in Europe, more and more evidence of the vile nature of the work done by these "shock troops" is coming to light. In every country in Europe—and, perhaps, outside Europe as well—there are Quislings who have stooped to the base inducements offered by these gangs of trained saboteurs, and propagandists and who are ready to sell the honour and freedom of their country when "Der Tag" arrives.

IN THE END there is no doubt that these "shock troops" will defeat their own ends, but, in the meantime, there are many others who are prepared to follow the example of men like Seyss-Inquart, Henlein and Quisling. Before the invasion of the Low Countries, Herr Hitler's "Fifth Column" had started wide-scale operations in Holland and Belgium. In Holland, particularly, the feature of the activity of these Nazi agents was a whispering campaign, which sought to instill into the peaceful Dutch people the fear that an Allied invasion of their territory was imminent. How far these "shock troops" were able to convince the people by these methods will never be clear, but the utter baselessness of Nazi promises to the Low Countries to respect their neutrality is now more than evident—the invasion of Holland and Belgium was probably "Der Tag" for which these Nazi agents had prepared the ground. The rapidity of the manner in which the German war machine pushes forward can only be accomplished with the co-operation of these "shock troops," which form the vanguards for Herr Hitler's invasions. They number not hundreds, but thousands and they include men of several nationalities, but their weapon is fear and they drive it home with all the subtlety at their command and with the full assistance of the Reich, whose Secret Service "pays" these agents huge sums of money for their work.

IT TOOK a long time before the countries of Europe woke up to the terrible danger which threatened them from within through this devilish Nazi organisation. And, perhaps, that realisation has come too late. Much of the poison which these Nazi agents have spread has already claimed its victims. But it is never too late to attempt to stamp out these

SMOKING CONCERT HELD AT VOLUNTEER H.Q.

H.E. The Governor Gives Away The Prizes

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, distributed the prizes won during the year at the various Volunteer competitions, including those at the annual rifle meeting, at Volunteer Headquarters last night when, in place of the Annual Dinner, a smoking concert was held.

A very enjoyable programme was carried out in the course of the evening. Lieut.-Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant, gave a lengthy review of the year's work in the course of which he congratulated the different units for their efficiency and expressed the thanks of the Corps to His Excellency for his kind attendance at the function.

GOVERNOR'S REPLY

After giving away the prizes His Excellency said that he would be proceeding on leave in two days and he hoped, on his return, to find the additions to the Headquarters had been completed.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. E. Grasett, who is away from the Colony, could not attend this year's function and his place was taken by Brigadier A. B. Thomson.

COMMANDANT'S SPEECH

Before asking his Excellency the Governor, our Honorary Colonel, to present the prizes that have been won by units and members of the Corps during the past year, I would like to say how grateful we all are that his Excellency has done us the honour of coming here tonight.

His Excellency is leaving the Colony very shortly and in consequence is extremely busy. In addition he has not yet fully recovered from a serious illness and I would like to thank him most heartily on behalf of every member of the Corps for coming this evening to present the prizes.

I am sorry that his Excellency the G.O.C. has been unable to be present but Brigadier Thomson has very kindly come in his place and I extend him a very hearty welcome from all members of the Corps. I would also like to welcome all our other guests if I do not welcome them individually it is only because the number makes this impossible.

KEEN COMPETITION

I would like to congratulate all the prize winners this evening. Competition has been considerably keener this year than even before which is only to be expected with a 100 per cent increase in our numbers and with the increased interest in training.

I congratulate the 1st Battery on being the first winners of the Governor's Trophy. This trophy was presented by his Excellency the Governor to be competed for by all batteries of Corps Artillery during the training season. All subjects are taken into consideration—shooting, drill, discipline. The competition was very keen and the 1st Battery only won by a very short head. We are all very glad that his Excellency should be here to present his own trophy the first time that it has been competed for.

C.R.A. THANKED

I would particularly like to thank the C.R.A., Brigadier McLeod, and his staff for all they did in organising and superintending this competition.

methods of Nazi cunning and deceit. In every country in Europe today—barring, of course, the totalitarian states—the most intensive measures are being directed towards exterminating these verminous organisations. In Britain, too, the drive against this baneful campaign is being conducted on an unprecedented scale. New decrees have been passed imposing the severest penalties for those who are found to be associated with any movements of which there is the slightest doubt. France has done likewise, while the Balkan and Mediterranean countries have not been slow to check the evil and far-reaching influences which these "shock troops" are able to exert on the people. The methods adopted may be drastic, but no pity is possible in dealing with methods which defy the rigid principles of peace, law and order.

The Artillery Cup was won by No. 1 Detachment of No. 1 Gun of the 1st Battery and the Champion Cup by Gunner Smith, also of 1st Battery. This cup is for the best layer in Corps Artillery.

I heartily congratulate the 1st Battery on these successes but I hope next year one of the other batteries will see what they can do about it.

The Marshall Trophy was won by "A" Detachment of 3rd Battery and this detachment did very well indeed.

THE ENGINEERS

The Nathan Cup for Efficiency was won by the Field Company Engineers. It is not altogether easy to assess the relative efficiency of units of different arms, but I think no other unit of the Corps is quite so ready to get on with their Mobilisation role without outside help and with every detail ready and practised.

The Corps Annual Rifle Meeting was held at the Kowloon Ranges on Sunday, April 14, and was a great success.

H.E. the G.O.C. paid us a visit and watched much of the shooting. I am afraid the last details to shoot in the afternoon were unlucky as conditions deteriorated with wind and rain.

Much of the success of the meeting was due to the very efficient organisation by the Rifle Club Committee under Major Evan Stewart and the Secretary, S. Q. M. S. Hargreaves, both did an immense amount of work to ensure the smooth running and efficient organisation of the meeting.

I would like to thank the Middlesex Regiment for providing the markers. They had a very busy time and without their able assistance we could never have got through the programme.

ARTILLERY SUPPORT

Our own Signals arranged all communications most efficiently.

I would like to thank all those Volunteers who helped so ably to keep the records and tabulated the results which they did most rapidly and accurately.

We were all very pleased to welcome a team from the Stanley Platoon and I congratulate them on their successes. They were second in the Falling Plate and F. McTavish won the Class II Musket Competition.

I think the Committee were a little lenient in putting such an efficient unit in Class II but they have considerably fewer numbers than the other units.

I would like to congratulate Corps Artillery on the way they supported the Meeting. Although they have very little practice with the hand gun they entered no less than 8 teams which was a very sporting effort.

The Blake Shield was won by No. 1 Company, led by the Company Commander, Major Owen Hughes, with Captain Wood, Lieut. Holmes and Cpl. Hammond. They were closely followed by the Corps Signals. The competition was fired in bad weather and in view of the conditions the scoring was good.

CORPS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Francis Cup was won by No. 6 Portuguese Anti-Aircraft Company again very closely pursued by the Corps Signals who were only one point behind.

The Falling Plate Competition was won by No. 5 Portuguese Company. This team shot extremely well and might well have had all the plates down—as it was one plate was left up with rounds in hand as it appeared from the firing point that all had been hit.

The Stanley Platoon was second and No. 2 Coy 3rd.

Lieut. Austin won the Corps Championship with a very good score. Last year he won the Revolver Cup and I heartily congratulate him on this double victory.

GOOD REVOLVER SHOT

The Musketry Competition was won by Cpl. Hammond Class II-Pie. McTavish and Class III-Pie. Roasario. Cpl. Hammond has been shooting consistently well and thoroughly deserve to win.

The Revolver Competition was won by L/Bdr. Tansley of 5th A. Battery as he is probably the best Revolver shot in the Colony. He deserved to win, but Pipe-Major Mackie of No. 2 Coy was very close to him and Cpl. Mills a close 3rd.

BRITISH RELIEF UNIT ENTERTAINED

Members of the British Relief Unit to China were the guests of honour at a dinner party given by Dr. C. T. Wang, President of the Chinese Red Cross and former Chinese Ambassador in Washington, at the Ying King Restaurant yesterday evening.

Besides the members of the Unit, including Mr. Evert Barger, Mr. Philip Wright, Mr. Owen Evans, Mr. Llewellyn Evans and Mr. William Jenkins, other guests present were Hon. Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-fan, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Woo, Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-pui, Mrs. Rose Tan, Dr. C. Y. Wu and Mr. Y. F. Lieu.

Miss Anfu Wang, Dr. Wang's younger daughter, acted as hostess.

Dr. Wang briefly remarked on the meritorious services rendered China by members of the British Relief Unit which served as a symbol of Britain's sympathy towards the Chinese cause.

Thanks were expressed by Mr. Evert Barger, leader of the Unit.

A group photograph was taken after dinner.

The Lugard Machine Gun Cup was competed for during the Nov. Camp at Fanling. The competition was run on similar lines to the A.R.A. Machine Gun Cup and consisted of two parts—a direct section shoot by day and a platoon shoot by night.

Captain Nevo, G.S.A. III, China Command, very kindly undertook the running of the Competition which was a great success and was very keenly contested.

No. 5 Portuguese Company won after an exciting finish. No. 4 Company being second.

The Bell Cup—the Air Arm Efficiency Cup was won by Flight Cadet G. H. Fowler.

At the Bisle Meeting this year I am afraid we did not have many successes, but Cpl. Hammond was 1st in his class in the Sticksdown Competition and 3rd in the Brookwood, and L/Bdr. Tansley 2nd in the Revolver aggregate.

MACHINE GUN MATCH

I congratulate Lieut. Holmes on getting his place in the last 20 of the Governor's Shield and Commiserate with Captain Sequeira who failed by one point.

Again this year the Corps did very well in the Machine Gun Match. There were five teams from the Corps who wished to enter but only two vacancies, as we could not have the range for a shoot off the two places were allotted for the M. M. G. Platoon and No. 5 Portuguese Company drew the two places.

In the competition No. 5 Company were 4th and the M. M. G. Platoon 6th out of 9 teams, all the remainder being from the Regular Army. The competition consisted of two practices and in the second practice No. 5 Company were 1st. No. 5 Company also had the best individual gun of any team.

As they had been unable to have any practice whatever for the competition owing to lack of range accommodation I think the results were very satisfactory.

HELPERS THANKED

Finally I would like to thank all those who have so willingly helped to organise and superintend the different competitions and have given up so much of their time in doing so.

It is difficult to discuss the future at the present time but if conditions are similar next year I think we will have to devote two days to the Rifle Meeting and certainly include L. G. Matchek.

I hope the standard in our weapon training will continue to improve.

The Corps Rifle Club has been re-organised and the membership increased enormously and I hope at the next Bisle Meeting to see members of the Corps more prominent than ever before especially in the open sights competitions.

MEMBER MOBILISED

There is one other prize winner I would like to mention. C. S. M. Peers, Late O.C. Air Arm, was mobilised at the beginning of the War. Shortly after, he won the prize awarded by the Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators of the British Empire for the highest marks obtained by any candidate. I am sure every member of this Corps and especially the Air Arm would like to congratulate him on this success.

First Air Ambulances For B.E.F.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY H.K. GIRL GUIDES

Britain is in vital need of an Air Ambulance Service for H.M. Forces and the first two machines for this service are now under construction for use by the Royal Air Force.

Girl Guides of the British Empire are endeavouring to contribute the £15,000 needed for Britain's first two air ambulances, and are holding an Empire Week from May 19 to 25 in an effort to raise the required amount and, if possible, a further £5,000 for a motor lifeboat.

The Empire Week, which includes Empire Day, will be a special Guide Gift period during which Guides and Guiders of all ranks throughout the Empire, including Old Guides, are asked if they will sacrifice half-a-day's salary or income, to buy these gifts for the Mother Country.

Brownies are simply asked to give whatever they can spare. The movement has been fully endorsed by H.R.H. the Princess Royal, President of the Girl Guides Association.

LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

Hongkong Girl Guides are expecting to contribute £100 of the required sum and their first effort in this direction was a very successful jumble sale held at Sandilands' Hut yesterday when they realised a total of \$515.50 of which \$165 was by subscription.

The sale was organised mainly through the efforts of Mrs. C. W. E. Bishop.

EXCELLENT CONCERT

An excellent programme was presented at the concert held in St. Andrew's Church Hall last night in aid of the funds of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong. The Hall was filled with an appreciative audience.

The artists were:—The Mandarin Service Choir, Miss Pauline Chow, Mr. T. E. Ling, Mr. Samuel Wu, Miss Phyllis Ling, Mr. David Wong, Dr. K. T. Young, Mr. T. E. Ling and Mr. Samuel Wu, Miss Yao Tschin-Schin, Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist, Mrs. Sylvia Choy, Maestro Elisio Gualdi, Mr. David Kossick, Helen Lockhart, Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Les Gibson.

The compere was Mr. David Kossick.

GEN. GAMELIN

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It is a new kind of warfare—a war of speed and surprise—and he had to estimate the position while things are moving so fast.

The British line at this stage seems to be in no immediate danger.

NEW ATTACK

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—The Germans launched a new attack at dawn against British and Belgian forces in the region of Louvain and Malines. It was stated yesterday that the Allies ended with a relatively favourable impression.

Reducing of the enemy pocket, based to the north on the Sambre and to the south on a line north of Rethel, and to the west of Sedan, was carried out in a satisfactory manner. In south Sedan extremely hard fighting is going on.

BETTER PLACED

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—A great battle will flare up again immediately, but our troops are now infinitely better situated than on Wednesday morning, says the L'Odeur, which adds that "to attain his object the enemy would have had to break through our front, disorganise our forces and pass through en masse with motorised units from the very first moment, namely on Wednesday morning."

"He failed to do this; his plan, therefore, met with a big check which is already an advantage to us."

LIEGE HOLDING

BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter).—The Brussels radio announced this morning that the "Liege forts are still holding out—the symbol of the resistance of a peaceable country."

VIOLENT ATTACKS

OSTEND, May 17 (Reuter).—A Belgian communiqué, dated Thursday evening, says: "North and north-east of Antwerp enemy patrols made contact with our positions. Further to the south some local infantry attacks failed under the fire of our defences. In central Belgium, violent attacks were delivered against positions occupied by Allied forces."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAYS DEFENCES MUST BE READY

Delivery Of Aircraft To Allies Must Be Speeded Up

WASHINGTON, May 17 (REUTERS)—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DELIVERED HIS SPECIAL DEFENCE MESSAGE TO CONGRESS PERSONALLY. HE ASKED FOR \$1,182,000,000 CASH AND CONTRACT AUTHORISATIONS FOR MILITARY IMPLEMENTS "TO MEET ANY LIGHTNING OFFENSIVE AGAINST AMERICAN INTERESTS."

The President declared that these were ominous days whose swift and awful developments force every neutral to look to its defences. He asserted that dangers confront the United States because of Europe's war and the speed with which modern armies may conquer time and space.

President Roosevelt's requests are divided into \$396,000,000 for immediate appropriations for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps and \$100,000,000 for emergencies.

In addition he sought authorisation to enter into contracts totalling \$286,000,000. President Roosevelt declared that the clear fact is that the American people must recast their thinking about national protection. The element of surprise has become even more dangerous owing to the amazing speed with which modern equipment can reach and attack enemy territory.

WIDESPREAD INTERESTS

Our own vital interests are widespread and more than ever the protection of the whole American hemisphere against invasion or control by non-Americans has united the support of 21 American Republics, including the United States. More than ever this protection demands ready-at-hand weapons capable of great mobility.

THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE UNITED STATES GEARED TO THE ABILITY TO PRODUCE AT LEAST 50,000 PLANES A YEAR. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, THE NATION SHOULD PLAN A PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE THE COUNTRY WITH 50,000 MILITARY AND NAVAL PLANES.

The object of the new defence fund would be to equip a larger army, replace and modernise the old army and navy equipment, increase production facilities, and accelerate to the 24-hour basis all existing army and navy contracts.

DANGERS OF FUTURE

"Our defences must be invulnerable and our security absolute, but our defences today do not provide for security against potential developments of the dangers of the future."

"Our objective is still peace at home and abroad. Nevertheless we stand ready not only to spend millions for defence, but also to give our ser-



vice, and even our lives, for the maintenance of American liberties."

PLANE DELIVERIES

One belligerent has many more planes than all its opponents combined, but it also appears to have a weekly production capacity at the moment far greater than its opponents.

The President then asked Congress to take no action which would hamper or delay the delivery of American-made planes to the foreign nations which had ordered them or seek more, "from the point of view of our own national defence which would be extremely short-sighted."

SPEECH WARMLY APPLAUDED

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuters)—Crowded galleries of the crowded joint session of Congress enthusiastically applauded President Roosevelt's speech. Ten days ago such a speech would have been denounced as war-mongering. The applause was particularly heavy when the President requested delivery of planes for foreign countries be not delayed.

First Lord's Message To All Ships

LONDON, May 17 (BWS)—The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and the First Sea Lord have sent the following message to all ships and vessels that have been, and are, operating from Northern Norway to the Belgian Coast:

"We would like those of you, who are going through the most strenuous time that Naval forces ever had to endure, to realise that we and the Naval Staff know well what is being asked of you."

"Many of you have not had a good night's rest for weeks but, nevertheless, your work has been done magnificently and cheerfully. What you may not realise is that you are helping our country to weather as black a storm as has ever broken. Hold on and carry on in the splendid way you are doing. Good luck to you."

GERMANS CANNOT STAND LONG WAR

BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuters)—Mr. Delfosse, the Belgian Minister of Communications, said in a broadcast yesterday that the Belgian troops have been performing miracles of heroism.

He gave an instance in which a Belgian major with three privates recaptured a pill-box fort after a hand grenade charge.

For the past three days, he said the Belgians had been resisting their second line positions.

SUPERIOR POWER

A great number of British and French troops were coming up each hour to support them with admirable equipment.

"Be firm and confident," he said. "The aggressor always has the initial advantage but, every hour our defences become more effective. Germany could not face a blockade nor withstand a long war. The Allied power and resources are greatly superior to those of Germany."

LONDON, May 17 (Reuters)—The Germans have gone back to a World War No. 1 weapon. In their attacks on fishing craft, steel darts three inches long were used. The crews of two fishing smacks in the North Sea were attacked with darts and machine-guns by Nazi planes. They got home safely without any loss of life.

BELGIAN LINER BOMBED AND SUNK

ATTACKED BY NAZI PLANES

LONDON, May 17 (Reuters)—The Ville de Bruges, 13,869 tons, formerly the American liner, President Harding, has been bombed and sunk near Antwerp.

The liner was bombed by a German plane on the morning of May 14 soon after leaving Antwerp, with fifty families, mostly women and British subjects, who were being sent home to Britain.

There were 54 passengers aboard, including four children in arms, and a crippled woman. After the bombing they all landed safely. Three of the crew were killed by a bomb and the fourth died later. Fifty-three of the crew arrived in London today.

PASSENGERS PROTECTED

The liner is now lying, a burnt out wreck, on the bank of the Scheldt, 12 miles below Antwerp.

The boatswain said in an interview that they "left Antwerp at 4 a.m. and three hours later three bombers appeared and one swooped down to about 150 feet and let go a bomb. It hit us aft, went through and exploded in the side of the ship, blowing it out. The steel bulkhead protected the passengers quarters and they were not hurt."

The Ville de Bruges was sold to a Belgian company by the United States Lines last February.

BLOOD FLOWN TO B.E.F. IN NORWAY

LONDON, April 18 (By Air Mail)—Two hundred volunteers from two aircraft factories in the West Country have given blood for the British forces in Norway. Some of it has been flown there and will be used if and when the need arises.

It was disclosed on Tuesday that twice in the last three days an urgent message, "Blood is needed at once for the use of the British forces in Norway," had been received by the Army Blood Transfusion Service Headquarters.

At the first appeal 100 volunteers stepped forward and early the next day the blood was on its way. The second appeal came through on Monday night and another 100 at a second factory responded.

Situation In Switzerland Less Tense

ZURICH, May 17 (Reuters)—The situation in Switzerland is now regarded as considerably less tense than at any time since Germany began her invasion of the Low Countries.

According to a high Swiss authority, responsible circles consider imminent action against Switzerland unlikely, while political circles stress the good relations between Italy and Switzerland as a favourable factor.

Some German troops along the frontier have been withdrawn and may have gone to the Western Front.

It is said that one reason why so many German divisions had been stationed on the German-Swiss frontier is that it is a quiet sector, free from bombing, while such divisions may be moved to the Western Front without using the Rhineland railway.

Yugoslavia May Resume Diplomatic Relations With Soviet Russia

LONDON, May 17 (Reuters)—Under the heading "Understanding in the Balkans," The Times, in an editorial states: "The Yugoslav trade delegation which left for Moscow last month has signed three conventions—commerce and navigation, payments and commercial representations."

"Its departure has caused much interest in Italy and in the Balkan States where it was interpreted as an indication of the intention of Yugoslavia to resume diplomatic relations with Russia."

"That may be the ultimate purpose of the Yugoslav Government."

Trade exchanges between Bulgaria and the Soviet have not yet become important despite the signature of the Russo-Bulgarian Trade Agreement last January.

"It is too early to say whether Yugoslav-Soviet trade will develop more satisfactorily but it is significant that this agreement caused obvious anxiety in German diplomatic quarters in Yugoslavia."

"In non-Slav Balkan States, however, the possibility of an understanding between Yugoslavia and the Soviet is regarded with some misgivings. Recollection of the days when Tsarist Russia was an official patron, now of the Serbs and now of the Bulgars, and often both, persists among Greeks, Rumanians and Turks."

Less Severe Fighting

A French official communiqué issued yesterday morning states: "The battle continued yesterday and during the night between Sambre and the region north of Rethel as well as south of Sedan. Fighting has been less severe in Belgium. Nothing to report in Lorraine and Alsace."—(British Wireless).

Three Times Repulsed

NAZI STORM LOUVAIN

NEW YORK, May 17 (Reuters)—When the Germans, attacking with waves of tanks and bombers, drove their way into Louvain, they suffered heavily from mines which exploded beneath them, says the New York Times correspondent with the British forces in Belgium.

The correspondent adds that as the first Nazi wave endeavoured to force their way under a bridge, the British blew it up and the debris tumbled on the invaders.

The Germans managed to capture the railway station but after some brisk street fighting and three British counter-attacks the Nazis were driven out.

Smashing The Spy Ring

SPECIAL TO H.K. DAILY PRESS
MEXICO CITY, May 17 (Havas)—The intense activity of Nazi agents throughout Mexico has prompted the authorities to take drastic measures against local Nazi organisations, believed to be connected with a similar organisation in the United States.

The police has just ordered the immediate expulsion of two dangerous Nazi agents, one of whom, Michael Stuart Goodfield, was found in possession of a United States passport.

WANTS DEFENCE SECRETS

The name of the other man is Monterrey, who is directly connected with the Reich's secret service. He is accused of trying to get information about the organisation of American defences along the Mexican border, as well as on Mexican military secrets.

As a sequel to these arrests the Mexican Home Minister contemplates the expulsion of 25 foreign agents. A joint investigation is being conducted by the Home Ministry, the Ministry of National Defence and the Judicial authorities.

Competent circles believe that more than 10,000 foreign agents have entered illegally Mexican territory.

JAPANESE PAY HEAVY TOLL IN HONAN

Chinese Officer Puts Losses At 48,000 Troops

CHUNGKING, May 17 (Central)—Though exact figures are still unavailable, it is estimated that at least 48,000 Japanese have been killed in the fighting in the Honan-Hupeh border districts during the past fortnight, according to a Chinese military spokesman in an interview with the Central News yesterday.

In addition, he said, 2,500 Japanese horses have been killed, 89 tanks and armoured cars and 2,000 motor lorries either destroyed or captured and countless arms seized.

The Japanese debacle in that area was attributed by him to the vast Chinese encircling movement, the over-extension of the Japanese line, and the torrential downpour which rendered the enemy mechanised units ineffective.

According to the spokesman, the Chinese forces in south Honan are now in a whirlwind drive towards Sinyang, the Japanese base of operations on the Peiping-Hankow Railway. The Mingkiang-Tangho and Sinyang-Tangho areas are cleared of Japanese troops.

SURROUNDED IN TSAOYANG

In north Hupeh, more than 10,000 Japanese are surrounded in the Tsaoayang area, about 49 miles east of Sinyang, which was one of the objectives of the recent Japanese five-pronged drive. Their rear has been entirely severed. Luyenchow, northwest of Tsaoyang, has been recaptured by the Chinese, thus tightening their grip on the enemy.

Japanese units defeated near Shangchow, west of Tsaoyang, continue to flee southward along the east bank of the Siang River. At Yushan and Huanglungtang, they have been subjected to repeated attacks by the Chinese. The field there are reported to be strewn with Japanese war dead.

Japanese infantry and cavalry units have counter-attacked, without success, Shangho, south of Tsaoyang. They are now retreating in the direction of Suhsien.

MACHINE-GUNS TAKEN

Synchronising with their attacks in north Hupeh, Chinese forces in central Hupeh have launched an offensive on Tienmen, 25 miles south of Kiangshan and Tsenkiang, on the south bank of the Siang River south-west of Tienmen.

A serious clash between the Chinese and Japanese units took place at Maohiatu near Tsenkiang a few days ago. The Japanese, numbering more than 200, were wiped out. Over 30 machine-guns and other war implements were captured by the Chinese.

A brilliant success was scored by the Chinese troops in south Hupeh on May 15 when they recaptured Tungshan, about 80 miles south-east of Hankow, in a smashing attack. A multi-columned drive was also launched by the Chinese toward Tashaping and Kwelkwoh, south-west of Tsungshan, 23 miles west of Tungshan.

JAPANESE HALTED

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LT.-COMDR. W. F. HASELFOOT OF THE THISTLE

Served With Phoenix In China

LONDON, April 18 (By Air Mail)—Lieutenant-Commander Wilfrid Frederick Haselfoot, R.N., who was in command of the submarine Thistle, which is overdue and presumed lost, had served for nearly 19 years in the Navy.

SCIENCE PRIZE

On passing out from Dartmouth Naval College in July, 1925, he gained the second prize for his term in science, and during the next three years was a cadet and midshipman in the battle cruiser Hood.

He was made an acting sub-lieutenant in September, 1926, confirmed in the rank six months later, and in his courses for lieutenant gained five first-class certificates, whereby his commission as lieutenant was post-dated to April 1, 1930.

SERVED IN CHINA

In the same year he specialised in submarines, the vessels in which he served including the Phoenix, in China.

In 1934 he became second in command in L53, and a year later in the Salmon, in the 5th Submarine Flotilla, in home waters and the Mediterranean respectively.

COMMANDED H43

In January, 1937, he was appointed for the commanding officers' course, and three months later took command of H43 in the 5th Flotilla. From April, 1938, he had a spell of general naval service in the battleship Barham, and returned to submarines in command of the Thistle a few months ago.

The Roll of Honour of the Hongkong Daily Press Office, in the Thistle has arrived and may be inspected at the Marina House.

The Glowworm

GERMAN LIST OF SURVIVORS

LONDON, April 18 (By Air Mail)—The Germans on Tuesday announced that the following officers and men from the British destroyer Glowworm are in their hands:—

Lieutenant Robert A. Ramsay (22), London, unhurt; Petty Officer Henry W. Russell (26), Portsmouth, unhurt; Able-bodied Seaman Charles Elverson (21), Liverpool, slightly wounded; Leading Seaman Fred Andrews (22), Southampton, slightly wounded; and Leading Seaman Fred C. Smith (21), Southampton, unhurt. The Glowworm was overcome by a much superior German force last week.

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VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT. COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C. COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

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Corps Artillery
Manning
The four Coast Defence Batteries will man their Stations on Sunday, May 19. Parade at H.Q. at 2.45 p.m. Dress—Shirts, shorts, puttees, boots, S.D. caps, waterbottles (filled), haversacks, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried. Respirators and steel helmets will be drawn on parade under supervision of B.Q.M.S. Beach. Haversack rations will be issued. All members of Corps Artillery must attend unless permission in writing is obtained from the O.C. Battery. Respirators must be returned on completion of manning.

1st Battery
May 19, H.Q. for D'Agular, 2.45 p.m. All personnel less D.E.L. Section. See Corps Artillery orders above. D.E.L. Section will parade at 2.15 p.m.

May 21, (1) Layers' Class and D.R.F. Class at Belcher's, 5.30 p.m. Dress: Overalls. (2) I.G. Detachment. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Dress: Muff. (3) Those detailed. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Lecture. Military Hygiene. Dress: Muff.

2nd Battery
May 19, H.Q. for Bluff Head, 2.45 p.m. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

May 21, (1) H.Q. for Bluff Head, 5 p.m. Right Section Layers and Range-takers. (2) H.Q. for Bluff Head, 7 p.m. D.E.L. Personnel, B.O.P. Staff and selected layers and Range-takers. Rations will be drawn.

3rd Battery
May 19, H.Q. for Aberdeen, 2.45 p.m. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

4th Battery
May 19, H.Q. for Pakshawan, 2.45 p.m. See Corps Artillery Orders above. Plate, cup, knife, fork, spoon to be carried in addition.

May 21, (1) D.E.L. School, 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Personnel. Dress: Muff. Overalls to be carried. (2) H.Q. 5.30 p.m. B. Section. Rifle and marching drill. Dress: Muff.

5th A. Battery
May 19, Queen's Pier for Lyemun, 9.30 a.m. No. 2 Section. Overalls to be carried.

May 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Lecture. Dress: Muff. Field Company Engineers.

May 20, K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Drill. Corps Signals.

May 20, H.Q. 5.20 p.m. (1) Classification preparation (2) Signal training.

Mobile Column
Armoured Car Platoon
May 20, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class: Drill instruction. B Class: Stoppages 1 and 2. C Class: Description—Stripping, etc.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon
May 20, Hung Hom Depot, 5.30 p.m. Driving instruction.

No. 1 Company
May 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Respirator Drill and Gas Chamber. All Ranks must attend.

No. 2 Company
May 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s I and R.

No. 3 Company
May 20, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (1) Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons. As detailed. (2) No. 11 Platoon: L.G. and Revision. (3) No. 12 Platoon: Examination Tests and Adjustments.

No. 4 Company
May 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Recruits. Musketry.

No. 5 Company
May 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Instruction on Mechanism (Revision).

No. 6 Company
May 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Elementary Handling L.G. (Continued).

NOTICE
Rifle Club
A Spoon Shoot for S.R. (A) Competitors will be held on Sunday, May 19 in conjunction with the H.K. Rifle Association shoot at Kowloon City commencing 8.45 a.m.

Firing will be at 200 and 500 yards—ranges—10 shots at each range.

Spoons will be awarded for the highest net and handicap scores. H.K.R.A. handicaps will be used. Entrance fee 10 cts. (this is in addition to the fee for the H.K.R.A. card which must be taken out).

Members are reminded that membership cards must be produced on the range before ammunition can be issued.

AFFILIATED UNIT
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.
The next Home Nursing lecture will be held on Friday, May 24 at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m.

Practical Bandaging Classes will be held weekly on Mondays until further notice:—(1) At Volunteer H.Q. 10.30 a.m. (2) At the Military Hospital, 5.45 p.m. Transport will leave H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. punctually.

All members are requested to make a special effort to attend either the morning or evening class.

The under-mentioned members were attached to the Military Hospital for training during the period shown:—Mrs. M. A. Neve, 22.4.40 to 6.5.40; Mrs. M. J. Cassidy, 8.5.40 to 20.5.40.

(Sgd.) Mrs. C. Addis-Martin, Asst. Comdt., Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D. Corps.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940 commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at the Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central. (Room No. 205, 2nd Floor).

A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS

On View from Tuesday, the 21st May, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS. AUCTIONEERS.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

Trinity Sunday, 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Short Evening Service. Preacher, Rev. Cyril Brown. A Social Hour is held after the Evening Service.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Trinity Sunday, First Mass and General Communion, 8 a.m. Second Mass 10 a.m., followed by Benediction. Sunday School for Children 3 p.m. May 23, Corpus Christi, May 24, Our Lady Help of Christians, May 26 Celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On week days, Holy Mass 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 5 p.m.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following are the results as supplied by the local secretary Mr. J. E. Anderson of the local Practical Examination held in Hongkong from May 7 to 14, 1940. Where not otherwise stated the examinations were for Piano-forte. The examiner was Dr. W. Lovelock.

EXAMINATION FOR TEACHER'S DIPLOMA

Associate (A.T.C.L.)
Practical Work Only: Cecilia Maria Passos.

Higher Local Division—Pass with Merit: May Chan Chun-mui, Vivian Woo, Alice Yui (Musician-ship); Pass: Marion Cheng, Melba Maria de Sousa, Emily Yui (Musician-ship), Katherine Yip, Virginia Yvanovich (Musician-ship).

Advanced Senior Division—Honours: Chan Yun Yee; Pass: Lilian Luk, Gloria Woo.

Senior Division—Honours: Chen Mae Ying, Lily Lich Sun (Musician-ship), Aurelia Wu; Pass with Merit: Joy Beryl Jean Carey, Mary Ching Ming Yui, Fung Lin Yee, Kathleen Lee, Julia Leong, Lui Suk Ching, Sister Rachel Plebani, Hazel Selater, Shin Ching Tsang, Amy Tsang, Tse Lai Ching, Mona Wong, Anna Wong, Jennie Wong, Kook Yung; Pass: Esther Chan, Vera Dhabber, Vera Dhabber (Violin), Ellenine Din-Van-Do (Violin), Dorothy Luk, Marion Liu, Lui Suk Ching, Marina MacKehnie, Norma Tsang.

Intermediate Division—Honours: Margaret Blen, Ethel Ruth Iola Edmonds, Hui Yin Kan, Mui Fook Kel, Queenie Wong; Pass with Merit: Constance Bakto, Yvonne Blackmore, Fung Sik Mang, Janet Hall, Laura Ip, Kwok Bik Yiu, Kin Ling Ma, Betty Lee, Marion Lee, Luk Lai, Sean, Ng Tak Ching, Ng Yuen Ching, Maize Reils, Thavi Vangtal, Wong Shuk Yiu; Pass: Angela Chang, Stella Ming, Gloria June Moss.

Junior Division—Honours: Au Yang Yee (Cho), Margaret Jessie Hume, Deline Mary Horwood (Musician-ship); Hui Wun Chuen, Hui Yin Kiu, Lau Mun Yink, Vera Litter, Billy Moy (Violin), Florence T. Wedick, Claire Van Wylick; Pass with Merit: Liza Besedish, Antonio Baptista, Crispina N. V. Carlos, Jenny Chiang, Robina Heggie Cheesman, Myrtle Chan, Fung Po Yui, Elizabeth Jean Ottins, G. Orestalda, Lau Shu Yan, Liu Nien Si, Betty Lee (Sing-

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

TRINITY SUNDAY: PATRON SAINT OF SWEDEN: CATHOLIC FILM ACTOR

The Doctrine of the Blessed Trinity might be called the central doctrine of revealed religion in the Christian system, for while the existence of one God can be known from reason, the doctrine of three Persons in one God cannot be known except through actual divine revelation. All that reason can show is that the doctrine involves no contradiction. Its reasonableness is confirmed by the fact that Plato had a glimmer of something very like it.

It was not until the fourteenth century that one special Sunday—the first after Pentecost, which occurs tomorrow—was set aside as a special feast throughout the Universal Church, though it had been observed locally in England since the days of St. Thomas a Becket, the martyred Archbishop of Canterbury.

PATRON SAINT

Today is the feast of St. Eric, the Patron Saint of Sweden. He was king of the country in the twelfth century and died a few years before St. Thomas a Becket was appointed to the See of Canterbury in England. As a king he was most conspicuous as a lawgiver and his justice is proverbial. He was a great lover of peace but also a champion of the oppressed, and it was his sympathy with the sufferings of his people on the coast, who were prey to the pirates that then inhabited Finland, that led him to make war on the Finns. It was a war that was pursued with some of the vindictiveness common to most of the wars of that age and he tried to temper the rigour of the punitive expedition by bringing the blessing of Christianity in its train.

MARTIN GOOD RIDER

Martin Good Rider, the Blackfoot Indian boy, who appeared with Shirley Temple in "Susannah of the Mounties," shown in Hongkong this week, is a Catholic boy of the Jesuit Indian mission in Montana. He was brought to New Orleans with a few other Indian boys from the Mission School to take part in a Missionary Congress and Exhibition. It was there that he caught the eye of the representative of a film company. For his screen test he sang an Irish song! He was then thirteen years of age. When offered the film contract he asked first if it would mean interrupting his studies, for he wished to complete his course, and it is his dream to be a priest one day.

ANOTHER STAR

Another Catholic film actor, much better known than the Indian boy, also appeared in a film shown here this week—Pat O'Brien in "The Fighting Sixty-Ninth." Pat O'Brien, who is said to have more friends than any in Hollywood studied law at Marquette University, directed by the Jesuits in his native city of Milwaukee. His success in college theatricals led him to the stage and he went through some lean years before he reached Broadway.

In "The Fighting Sixty-Ninth," Pat O'Brien once again plays the part of a priest, Fr. Duffy, one of the most famous of American army chaplains, who is honoured by a statue in New York.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Calne Road:

May 19—Trinity Sunday. St. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury. Morning services: 1st Mass at 8 with sermon in Chinese. 2nd Mass at 8 with sermon in English. 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: at 4.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. May 22—Solemn Mass in honour of St. Rita. The Novena in honour of the Sacred Heart begins today. At 5.30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. May 23—Corpus Christi High Mass at 7.30 a.m. May 24—Our Lady Help of Christians—High Mass at 7.30 a.m.

Empire Day. Special service at 9 a.m. with the attendance of the schools children. On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30. Confessions morning and evening.

CHRIST CHURCH

KOWLOON TONG

Trinity Sunday. Services in English. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 9 Sunday School Services: Senior children in the Church; Juniors in No. 3 Duke St. 10 Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher the Vicar. At this service two new altar servers will be admitted and invested. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon. Preacher the Vicar. (There will be no music at this service). Services in Mandarin. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 Morning Prayer and sermon. Preacher: The Bishop of Hongkong. Tuesday, 5 p.m. Parochial Church Council meeting in the Vicarage. Wednesday, 4.30 p.m. Wolf Cub Pack meet in No. 3 Duke Street. Thursday, Corpus Christi, 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 Meeting of the Guild of Martha and Mary in the Vicarage. 6 p.m. Full Choir practice.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

218, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON

Sunday, 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion. 11 Morning Service. Preacher Rev. O. Peskett. 2.45 p.m. Young Men's Bible Class. 7.30 Song Service. 8 Evening Service. Preacher, Mrs. Nance. Monday, 7.30 p.m. S.A.C.A. Meeting. Bible Study Circle at 7.30 Nathan Road, 1st floor: Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Meeting for Chinese amahs. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Praise and Prayer Meeting. Speaker, Mrs. James. Brage. Thursday, 10.30 p.m. Women's Bible Study Circle at 218 Nathan Road, 1st floor. Prayer Meeting. All are welcome. No collection on Sunday Evening.

The British Relief Unit for Central China will hold an "At Home" on Monday at Harbour View Hotel, Kowloon, at 4 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

May 19: Trinity Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Communicants' Fellowship); 8 a.m. Holy Communion in Peak Church.

11 a.m. Mattins. Preacher: Rev. H. D. Todd, Assist. Chaplain General to Forces; 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. A. P. Rose.

Children's Services: Cathedral, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Children's Service. Chapel of the Resurrection, Happy Valley, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School. Stanley Sunday School Room, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

Weekdays: Holy Communion is celebrated on—Thursday, at 7.30 a.m. Friday at 7.45 a.m. (in Cantonese). Wednesday, Prayer for the sick, at 10.15 a.m.

Other Notices: May 20, 8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall; May 21, 5.30 p.m. Cathedral Scout Meeting, Bishop's House, Lower Albert Road. May 22, 10 a.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party; Cathedral Hall; May 23, 3.30 Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall; May 24, 9 a.m. Empire Day, Service for young people Cathedral; 5.30 p.m. Choir Practice, Cathedral.

Evening service on Sundays will be held at 7 p.m. until further notice and not at 6.30 p.m.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East. Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital.

Preachers: Morning—Rev. E. Moreton. Evening—Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Junior Church 9.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Parade Service 10.15 a.m. Hymn 36; Prayer, Hymn 911, First Lesson, Hymn 313. Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 630. Sermon, Hymn 330. Benediction. Evening Service 7 p.m. Hymn 399, Prayer, Hymn 468, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 513. Sermon, Hymn 624. Benediction.

NOTICES FOR WEEK

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at 8 & 8.15 Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. The Badminton Club has suspended meetings for the summer. A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at 8 & 8.15 Home on Tuesday, 8.30 p.m. The House Committee is meeting at 8 & 8.15 Home on Wednesday 5.30 p.m.

LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONG KONG.

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow will be:—"Mortals and Immortals."—"The Golden Text" will be:—"This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (1 Cor. 15:53)

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FORTHCOMING SERVICES, ETC. AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

Trinity Sunday. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Choral Communion, and Address, 11 a.m. Preacher, The Rev. Charles Higgins of the American Episcopal Church. Evensong and Address, 7 a.m. Preacher, The Vicar. The Sunday Club will be held after this service. Everyone invited. Sunday Schools. Primary Sunday School, 10 a.m. Leader: Miss W. Robinson. Young People's Service, 10 a.m. Leader, Mrs. J. R. Higgs.

WEEKDAY NOTICES

Monday—Medical War Working Party for China, 10 a.m. Fellowship of Youth and B.W.O.F. Working Party, 6 p.m. Teachers' Preparation Class, 7 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Committee Meeting, 8.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Social Evening, 9 p.m. Tuesday Mothers' Union, 3 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Fisher. Brownie Pack, 3.30 p.m. Wednesday—Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. Wolf Cubs, 5.30 p.m. Rover Scouts, 8.45 p.m. (11, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong). Thursday—Women's Fellowship and B.W.O.F. Working Party, 3 p.m. Boy Scouts, 6 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Table Tennis Match at home, the Y.M.C.A. 9 p.m. Friday—Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m. Saturday—St. Andrew's Club Launch Bathing Picnics for members and friends of the Club and the Church begin for the season. Launch leaves the Police Pier, 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning except Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Prince Edward Rd.

May 19, Trinity Sunday: 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese; 8 a.m. Holy Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction with May Devotions; 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English.

NEWSETTES

Maj. General A. E. Grasset, D.S.O., M.C., G.O.C. China Command, left for Shanghai yesterday.

Mr. J. C. Menhinick, of the North Point Inst. of the A.P.C., left Hongkong for Japan yesterday.

A meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Camera Club will be held on Monday next at 6 p.m.

Mr. R. A. da Silva, of the Colonial Trading Co., left for the North yesterday.

Mr. C. Sills, of the Export Dept. of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., left Hongkong yesterday for Shanghai.

Mr. S. W. Thomas, of the Customs, Ichang, was a passenger to Shanghai from Hongkong yesterday.

Rev. A. J. Gedy, of Hankow, who arrived in the Colony recently, left for Shanghai yesterday.

Miss E. Moore, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, who was in the Colony recently, left for Shanghai yesterday.

Miss D. Rayden, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Shanghai, who was spending a holiday in the Colony, left for Shanghai yesterday.

Mr. F. B. Shroff, of Messrs. P. B. Shroff, Shanghai, and Miss M. M. Shroff, left Hongkong for the north yesterday.

Mr. H. P. K. Jacks, officer-in-charge, Kapit, Sarawak, was a passenger to Vancouver from Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. D. G. R. Kinneir, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Shanghai, returned to the north yesterday.

The Rev. J. R. Sanderson, Ph.D., will address the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group on Sunday at 9 p.m. on "Impressions of My Recent Trip Through Interior China."

Mr. R. H. Murray, agent at Amoy for Douglas, Laprak & Co., left Hongkong yesterday.

Mrs. Marshall, wife of Mr. G. V. T. Marshall, manager of C.J. David & Co., left Hongkong for Shanghai yesterday.

Mr. Edwin C. G. Barrett, a magistrate of Brunei, was a passenger en route to Vancouver from Hongkong yesterday.

Miss D. Durnett, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was a passenger to Vancouver from Hongkong yesterday.

Mr. G. L. Wilson, of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, Hongkong, left for Shanghai yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. W. Burns, a director of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd., Shanghai, who has been in Hongkong, left for the north yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Burns.

Mr. E. W. Claxton, of Messrs. Puton and Baldwin, Shanghai, was a passenger to the north yesterday from Hongkong, accompanied by Mrs. Claxton and children.

Mr. D. Drummond, Oriental Manager of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., left Hongkong for Vancouver yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Drummond.

Mr. J. W. E. Warrior, of the China Navigation Co., who was a recent arrival in Hongkong with Mrs. Warrior, left for Shanghai yesterday.

Finance and Commerce

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 17, 1940.

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| On London:— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 100 1/16 |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 100 1/16 |
| Credits 4 months sight | 100 1/16 |
| On Shanghai:— | |
| On demand | 340 |
| On Singapore:— | |
| On demand | 52 1/2 |
| On Japan:— | |
| On demand | 84 3/4 |
| On India:— | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 100 1/16 |
| On demand | 100 1/16 |
| On New York:— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 100 1/16 |
| Credits 4 months sight | 100 1/16 |
| On Batavia:— | |
| On demand | 35 1/2 |
| On Paris:— | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 100 1/16 |
| Credits 4 months sight | 100 1/16 |
| On Saigon:— | |
| On demand | 100 1/16 |
| On Manila:— | |
| On demand | 39 3/4 |
| On Bangkok:— | |
| On demand | 150 |
| On Sterling Notes:— | |
| Bank Buying Rate | 100 1/16 |
| Bar Silver per oz. | 13 1/2 |

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
Silver prices rose yesterday to the extent of 7/16 for Ready and 3/8 for Forward, the quotations being 23 1/2 and 23 5/16 respectively. Silver advances reported a quiet market. Demand was small but offerings were restricted. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 236 1/2.

MARKET

STERLING
Opened with sellers at 1/22/32 with business done later at 1/2/16 for Forward and near. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2/16 for forward, probably near, buyers at 1/2/31/32 for any delivery.

U.S. DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 20 1/4 with business done subsequently at 20 3/8. Later business was done at 20 7/16 and 20 1/2 for near delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 20 7/16 May and 20 5/16 June, buyers probably at 20 1/2 May and 20 7/16 June.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
The highest rate done this morning was 373. Towards 1 p.m. business was reported at 366. There were sellers at 365 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Opened with sellers at 3 31/32 and closed firm with sellers at 4 1/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars were quoted at 5 15/32 for Spot.

MARKET
Steady.
STERLING
The market closed with sellers at 1/2/16 for near and Forward, buyers at 1/2/31/32 for near and probably forward.

U.S. DOLLARS
Some business was done at 20 9/16 for Cash. The market closed with sellers at 20 7/16 May, buyers probably at 20 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Business was done at 370. At the close there were sellers at 369, buyers at 371.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Steady. Sterling at 4 1/8 sellers for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 5 17/32 sellers for Spot. Firm.

Shanghai Exchange

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Shanghai, May 17 (Reuters). | |
| Official T.T. Rates | |
| London | Opening 0/3-1/2 |
| New York | 4 11/16 |
| Japan | 20 |
| Paris | 25 7/8 |
| Hongkong | 2 1/2 |

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| Sellers | |
| Opening | Closing |
| Spot | 0/4-1/32 0/4-1/32 |
| May | 0/3-29/32 0/3-29/32 |
| June | 0/3-3/4 0/3-3/4 |
| U.S. Dollars | |
| Spot | \$5-15/32 \$5-15/32 |
| May | 5-5/16 5-5/16 |
| June | 5-1/16 5-5/16 |
| Market | Slightly easy. |
| Silver Duty Rate | |
| The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d. | |
| The Equalisation rate was 24-1/2 per cent. | |

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, May 16 (Reuters).
Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 91-08-0 nominal.

Sheep Ranch On Large Scale

GOVERNMENT TO HELP PROJECT

CHUNGKING, May 17 (Central).—Szechwan Provincial Economic Reconstruction Commission is forming in accordance with the economic reconstruction programme of Szechwan, recently promulgated by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who is concurrently the Szechwan Governor. The Commission will take charge of the task of directing, co-ordinating and examining the various phases of the programme, including land administration, agriculture and forestry, industry and mining, communications, trade, finance, reclamation and health.

SHEEP FARM

The Joint Head Office of the four government banks, namely, the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank, has negotiated with the Szechwan Agricultural Improvement Bureau to set up a big sheep ranch in Sunpan in northwest Szechwan where there are vast stretches of pasture land. The ranch will seek to improve the breed of sheep and the production of wool.
The banks will loan to the ranch \$400,000. Shepherds in the Sunpan area may seek loans from the ranch. It is estimated within five years the number of sheep will be increased to 200,000 head costing \$8,000,000 and the annual output of wool to 10,000 piculs.

A project for the improvement of the Szechwan silk industry has meanwhile been formulated by the Ministry of Economic Affairs. The four government banks will loan \$900,000 for silkworm raising and the establishment of filatures.

To Help The Farmers

CHUNGKING, May 17 (Central).—The Joint Head Office of the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank has signed agreements with the Shansi, Szechwan, Kiangsi and Sikong Provincial Governments for collaboration in the extension of agricultural loans in their respective provinces.

Negotiations are under way for agreements with other provincial governments.

Extension of agricultural loans is highly advocated by Chinese experts of agricultural economy for the development of agriculture in war time. Recently two sets of regulations entitled "General Provisions Relative to Agricultural Credits" and "Provisional Measures for the Extension of Agricultural Credits" drafted by the Joint Head Office of the four government banks have been approved by the Executive Yuan.

According to the project of the Joint Head Office, long-term, middle-term and short-term loans will be extended to the farmers in various provinces in accordance with their needs.

BROKERS' LOANS

New York, May 16 (Reuters).
Loan on securities to brokers in New York:

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| Week-ended | Week-ended |
| May 11 (1939) | May 9 |
| \$517,000,000 | \$477,000,000 |
| \$458,000,000 | |

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, May 16 (Reuters).
Silver—Small general demand. Offerings restricted. Business limited. Market quiet. In the afternoon, the market was dull, with small sellers at the rate but buyers were holding off.
Spot, 23-1/2d.
Forward, 23-5/16d.

LONDON GOLD

London, May 16 (Reuters).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 16 (Reuters).
T.T. on Japan, 98.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The market has suffered from neglect this week having been completely overshadowed by the War news. It is not surprising that such small buying orders as have come along have been negotiated entirely on buyers terms, consequently prices on balance over the week are easier.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK

H.K. Banks, \$1500, \$1470, \$1460, \$1440, \$1450.
Union Ins., \$465.
Wharves, \$100.
Providents, \$4.40.
Lands, \$361.
Humphreys, \$8.
Chinese Estates, \$104.
Tramways, \$17.35, \$17.40.
Star Ferries, \$63.
China Lights (O), \$71.
China Lights (N), \$4.70.
Rauba, \$9.85.
Govt. 4% Loan 103.

BUYERS

Humphreys, \$7.90.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 102.

SELLERS

Union Ins., \$465.
Docks Rts., \$61.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1430/23.
Unions Ins., \$465/460.
Bank of East Asia, \$73.
Lands, \$361.
Humphreys, \$8.
China Lights (O), \$7.40/35.
China Lights (N), \$4.70.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 13 1/2, Antamok 0 1/2, Baguio Gold 16 1/2, Batong Buhay 0 1/2, Big Wedge 15 1/2, Coco Grove 0 1/2, Com. Mines 0 1/2, Demonstration 0 1/2, I.T.L. 26 1/2, Itogon Mining 16 1/2, Masbate Con. 0 1/2, Mine Operations 0 1/2, North Gamarines 0 1/2, San Maurice 5 1/2, Surigao Consol. 13 1/2, Suyoc Consol. 10 1/2, United Paracale 17 1/2, Mindanao Motherlode 0 1/2.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted on Friday, May 17, 1940.

China Lights (N) 400 \$4.70
H.K. Docks Rts. 82 6.00
9 6.40

*Sale on Thursday, May 16.
The total value is \$2,310.50.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, May 16 (Reuters).

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| TIN | buyers | sellers |
| | 2 | 2 |
| Standard Cash 265-1/4 | 265-3/4 | |
| Standard | | |
| 3 months 263 | 263-1/2 | |

DETERMINATION OF CHINA

LONDON, April 25 (By Air Mail)—Dr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador, lecturing today for the British Association for International Understanding on China after nearly three years of war, referred to yesterday's statement regarding the possible involvement of the United States in the Far East.

SECURITY THREATENED

"Americans," he said, "feel their security threatened when something occurs far east in the Pacific, but are not afraid of their security on the Atlantic side so long as the British Navy reigns supreme." It was all a matter of enlightened self-interest.
The amount of help given to China, he said, was far too inadequate in view of the magnitude of China's task. "As we are still holding the fort for democracy the Chinese expect far more help from the democratic countries." He declared that Japan got nearly 90 per cent of her scrap metal and 60 per cent of her aviation oil from the United States.

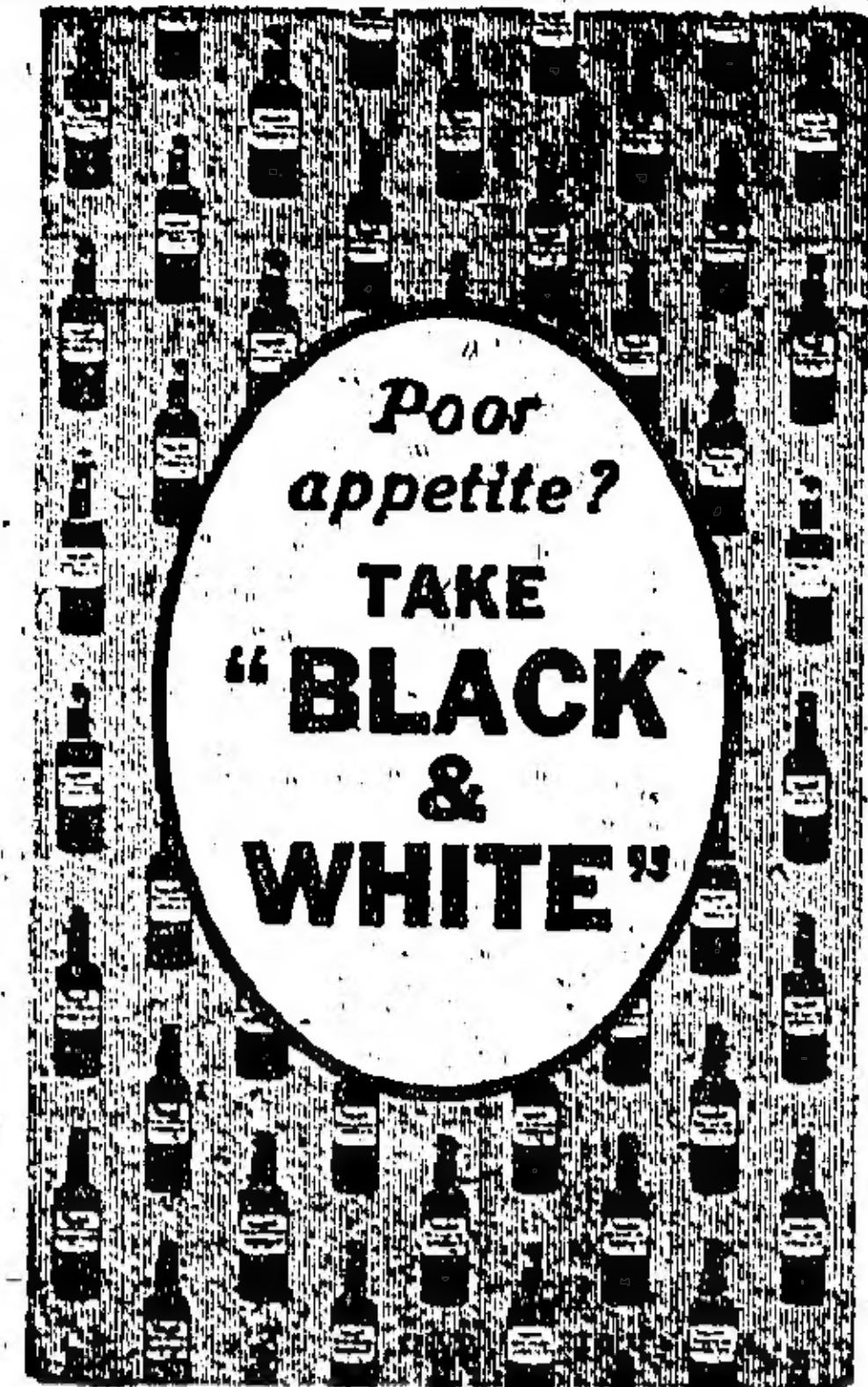
WAR MATERIALS

If the democracies, particularly the United States, would stop the supply of war materials to Japan the war could soon be brought to a conclusion satisfactory not only to China but to other democratic Powers.
"But whatever the democracies will or will not do China is determined to resist the invader to the end, and is confident that in the end right will triumph over might."

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

| Buyer | Seller | Rate | Nominal | FRIDAY 17. MAY. | Buyer | Seller | Rate | Nominal |
|-------|--------|--------|----------|---|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| | | | | Banks | | | | |
| | | \$1440 | 50... | H.K. Banks | | | \$1480 | |
| | | | 236 1/2 | Do. (Col. Reg.) | | | 236 1/2 | |
| | | | 236 1/2 | Do. (Lon. Reg.) | | | 236 1/2 | |
| | | | 231 | Chartered Bank | | | 231 | |
| | | | 231 1/2 | Maritime Bank | | | 231 1/2 | |
| | | | 275 | Bank of East Asia | | | 275 | |
| | | | | N. C. & S. Bank | | | 30 1/2 | |
| | | | | Insurances | | | | |
| | | \$465 | 230 | Canton Insurance | | | 230 | |
| | | | 85 cts | Union Insurance | | | 70 cts | |
| | | \$170 | | Underwriters | | | 170 | |
| | | | | H.K. Firm | | | | |
| | | | | Shipping | | | | |
| | | | \$120 | Douglas | | | 120 | |
| | | | 100 | Steamships | | | 100 | |
| | | | 80 | Indo-China (Prof.) | | | 80 | |
| | | 60 7/4 | | Indo-China (Dist.) | | | 60 7/4 | |
| | | | 80 90 | Shanghai | | | 80 90 | |
| | | | | Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc. | | | | |
| | | | \$100 | H.K. & K. Wharves | | | 100 | |
| | | | 40 05 | Providents | | | 40 05 | |
| | | | | Providents (new) | | | | |
| | | | 81 | H.K. Docks C. Rts. | | | 81 | |
| | | | 19 1/2 | H.K. Docks N. Rts. | | | 19 1/2 | |
| | | | | do Rts. | | | | |
| | | | 43 | Shanghai Docks | | | 43 | |
| | | | | Mining | | | | |
| | | 19/0 | | Kalana | | | 19/0 | |
| | | 39 85 | | Harbo | | | 39 85 | |
| | | 6 cts | | Venezuela Gold Fld | | | | |
| | | | | Hong Kong Mines | | | | |
| | | | | Lands, Hotels and Buildings | | | | |
| | | | \$4.35 | H.K. Hotels | | | 4.15 | |
| | | | 26 1/2 | H.K. Lands | | | 26 1/2 | |
| | | | 10 1/2 | Do. 4% Debentures | | | 10 1/2 | |
| | | | 14 90 | Shanghai Lands | | | 14 90 | |
| | | | 44 | H.K. Realities | | | 44 | |
| | | | | Humphreys | | | 7 90 | |
| | | | \$10 44 | Chinese Estates | | | | |
| | | | | Cotton Mills | | | | |
| | | | 53 | Ewo, (S.) | | | 50 | |
| | | | 240 | Shai Cottons (S.) | | | | |
| | | | | Zong Sings (S.) | | | | |
| | | | | Wing On Textiles (S.) | | | | |
| | | | | Public Utilities | | | | |
| | | | \$17.40 | Tramways | | | 16 90 | |
| | | | 8 | Peak Trans. (old) | | | 8 | |
| | | | 24 | Peak Trans. (new) | | | 24 | |
| | | | 22 85 | Star Ferry | | | 22 85 | |
| | | | | F'nal' Ferries | | | | |
| | | | | Do. (new) | | | | |
| | | | \$7 1/2 | China Lights (O) | | | 7 1/2 | |
| | | | \$4 90 | China Lights (New) | | | 4 90 | |
| | | | | China Lights Rts. | | | | |
| | | | \$21.10 | H.K. Electric | | | 21.10 | |
| | | | \$11 1/2 | Sandakan Lights | | | 11 1/2 | |
| | | | \$10 50 | Telephones (old) | | | 10 50 | |
| | | | | Telephones (new) | | | | |
| | | | | Tractions | | | | |
| | | | | Tractions (prof.) | | | | |
| | | | | Industrials | | | | |
| | | | \$14.90 | Cald. Macg. (Ord. & Cald. Macg. (Prof.) | | | | |
| | | | 12 | Canlon loss | | | | |
| | | | 17 | Camson | | | | |
| | | | 75 55 | Ropes | | | | |
| | | | | Miscellaneous | | | | |
| | | | \$2 1/2 | Dairy Farm | | | 2 1/2 | |
| | | | | Ch. 3% Debentures | | | | |
| | | | \$12 | Star Ferry (old) | | | 12 | |
| | | | \$1 | Constructions (new) | | | 1 | |
| | | | \$2 1/2 | Lane Crawford | | | 2 1/2 | |
| | | | | Nanyang Tobacco | | | | |
| | | | \$2.60 | Sinocine | | | 2.35 | |
| | | | 48 1/2 | Watsons | | | 48 1/2 | |
| | | | | Ch. G. 5% 1930 \$Bds. | | | 48 1/2 | |
| | | | | H.K. Govt. 4% Loan | | | 102 1/2 | |
| | | | | H.K. Govt. 5% Loan | | | 102 1/2 | |
| | | | \$39 | H.K. Wing On | | | 39 | |
| | | | | Shai Wing On | | | | |
| | | | 26 | Wing Pilsen (Lon.) | | | 26 | |
| | | | 12 1/2 | Martins & Co. | | | 12 1/2 | |
| | | | 4/0 | Martins & Co. (H.K.) | | | 4/0 | |
| | | | \$7.30 | Wm. Powells | | | 7 30 | |
| | | | | *Sales o Shanghai | | | | |



THOSE WHO KNOW, SAY IT'S THE SCOTCH.

Irate Journalist Tells The World—Why?

HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE REST OF BRITAIN'S LITERARY CRUSADERS STANDS HANNEN SWAFFER OF THE DAILY HERALD. A headliner in and around Fleet Street for 40 years, he has a tall, commanding figure with a vigorous mane of white hair, is seldom seen without a cigarette, always wears a stiff white collar and dark blue, broad-brimmed hat.

"Swaffer" is a "character," which means he is a man of strong convictions, with the pluck to put them into print. He believes in Socialism, spiritualism and reporters. Though born in Sussex 60 years ago, he comes of Kentish stock, and is never tired of announcing: "Hell, I'm an Englishman!"

Recently, as the Allied Supreme War Council in London issued a "solemn declaration" of Anglo-French unity, Mr. Swaffer's rich English blood was boiling. In a series of scathing revelations in the Herald, following a trip to Paris, he showed just how much misunderstanding had been allowed to develop between the Allied people.

"Censorship was used during the Daladier administration," he wrote, "not only for the safety of the nation, but for the safety of the Government.... It was so strong that even Daladier's speech in defence of the failure of his Finnish policy was heavily cut by the censor before it appeared. Although made in a crowded Chamber, it could not be printed in the French papers!"

On his way out to Le Bourget, Swaffer was told at Heston airport that he could not take to France any book or newspaper (though they were allowed, with a wink), no map or photograph, no

newspaper cutting, manuscript or memorandum, and nothing in the way of "literature for the blind."

Two English people in front of him were dispossessed of their Anglo-French dictionary.

ALL CUT OUT

When he arrived in Paris, the Daladier Government was tumbling. But France's censorship would not allow British correspondents even to hint at the news it was all cut out.

"In London yesterday," wrote Swaffer on his return, "I asked three men, more or less expert on foreign affairs, if they had any idea, last week, that Daladier might fall."

"No," replied all of them. "I thought he was the war-winning Premier," said one. Then suddenly I read the Chamber had kicked him out."

Crying "Cut the red tape, we shall perish of ignorance," Swaffer declared: "I understood that Britain and France were one, an economic unit. I had been told that we had pooled not only our manpower, but our full resources of money and of manufacture."

"Yet before I left London, I was officially informed that I could not take with me more than £10—unless I had special permission. Now, if I

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

| STOCKS | May 10, 1940 Last Sale May 16 | STOCKS | May 17, 1940 Last Sale May 16 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Adams Express | 8 | J. & Laughlin Steel 57 pld. | 31 |
| Allegheny Steel Co. | 22 | Kennecott Copper | 52 |
| Allied Stores | 5 | Lakey Foundry & Mac. | 21 |
| Allis Chalmers | 292 | Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass | 352 |
| Aluminum Ltd. | 78 | Lockheed Aircraft | 372 |
| Amer. Can. | 1002 | Loew's Inc. | 272 |
| American Cyanamid B. | 332 | Loft Incorporated | 232 |
| Amer. & Foreign Power | 1 | Mack Truck Inc. | 222 |
| Amer. Gas & Elec. | 302 | Martin, Glen L. | 422 |
| Amer. Locomotive | 142 | McKesson & Robbins, pld. | 23 |
| Amer. Metals Co. | 162 | Monsanto Chemical | 100 |
| Amer. Radiator | 62 | Montgomery Ward | 392 |
| Amer. Rolling Mill | 122 | National Aviation | 15 |
| Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co. | 412 | Nat. Dairy Products | 142 |
| Amer. Sugar Refining | 182 | Nat. Distillers | 202 |
| Amer. Tel. & Tel. | 152 | Nat. Lead | 182 |
| Amer. Tobacco "B" | 782 | Nat. Power & Light | 62 |
| Amer. Waterworks | 72 | National Steel Corp. | 572 |
| Anacosta Copper | 252 | National Supply Corp. | 62 |
| Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe. | 172 | New York Central | 122 |
| Aviation Corp. | 72 | Niagara Hudson Power | 42 |
| Bacok & Wilcox | 242 | N. American Aviation | 222 |
| Baldwin Locomotive | 172 | North American Co. | 182 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 32 | Northern Pacific | 6 |
| Barber Asphalt Co. | 102 | Owens-Illinois Glass Co. | 532 |
| Barnsdall Oil | 9 | Pacific Gas & Elec. | 29 |
| Bell Aircraft Corp. | 252 | Pacific Lighting | 40 |
| Bendix Aviation | 322 | Packard Motors | 32 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 84 | Pan-American Airways | 172 |
| Bliss & Co. | 192 | Paramount Pictures | 52 |
| Boeing Airplane Co. | 232 | Pennsylvania R.R. | 18 |
| Borg-Warner | 172 | Phelps-Dodge | 332 |
| Bridgeport Brass Corp. | 102 | Philadelphia Read. Coal | 4 |
| Briggs Mfg. | 172 | Phillips Petroleum | 332 |
| Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans. | 202 | Pittsburgh Coke & Iron | 82 |
| Brooklyn-Manhattan S. | 102 | Public Service of N.J. | 352 |
| Budd Manufacturing Corp. | 32 | Pullman Inc. | 312 |
| Budd M'facturing Corp. | 32 | Pure Oil | 9 |
| Canadian Pacific Rwy. | 32 | Radio Corp. of Am. | 52 |
| Case, J.I. | 532 | Reading Company, Com | 122 |
| Celanese | 282 | Remington Arms Co., Inc. | 42 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 342 | Republic Aviation Corp. | 82 |
| Chrysler Corp. | 692 | Republic Steel | 182 |
| Climax-Molybdenum Co. | 312 | Revere Cop. & Brass Inc. | 92 |
| Colts Patent Fire-Arms | 82 | Reynold Tobac. "B" | 382 |
| Columbia Gas & Elec. | 52 | Richfield Oil | 82 |
| Columbia 6% "A" pf. | 822 | Safeway Stores | 302 |
| Commercial Credit Co. | 352 | Schenley Distillers | 10 |
| Com. & Southern (Ord.) | 1 | Sears Roebuck | 692 |
| Consolidated Edison | 272 | Shell Union Oil | 9 |
| Consolidated Oil | 62 | Socony-Vacuum Oil | 92 |
| Continental Can | 38 | Southern Pacific | 182 |
| Continental Oil | 212 | Southern Ry 55 pld. | 422 |
| Copperweld Steel | 192 | Sperry | 27 |
| Corn Products | 54 | Spicer Manufacturing Co. | 52 |
| Curtiss Wright (C.) | 102 | Standard Brands | 12 |
| Curtiss Wright "A" | 28 | Stand Gas & Elec. | 202 |
| Dairies & Co. | 18 | Standard Oil of California | 372 |
| Distillers Corp. Seagraves | 692 | Standard Oil of N.J. | 72 |
| Douglas Aircraft | 182 | Stone & Webster | 3 |
| Du Pont de Nemours | 82 | Switbaker Com. | 24 |
| Eagle Picher Lead | 31 | Swift International | 112 |
| Eaton Mfg. Co. | 332 | Technicolor | 402 |
| Elec. Autolite | 52 | Texas Corp. | 30 |
| Elec. Bond & Share | 5 | Texas Gulf Sulphur | 232 |
| Elec. Bond & Share 55 pf. | 552 | Timken-Axle | 5 |
| Elec. Bond & Share 58 pf. | 63 | Trans-America Co. | 7 |
| Elec. Power & Light 57 pf. | 112 | 20th Cent. Fox | 172 |
| Flintkote | 142 | 20th Cent. Fox 51 pf. | 132 |
| Gen. American Trans. | 442 | Union Bag & Paper Corp. | 722 |
| Gen. Electric | 33 | Union Carbide & Carbon | 832 |
| Gen. Motors | 442 | United Pacific | 502 |
| Gen. Railway Signal | 122 | United Aircraft | 152 |
| Gen. Tire & Rubber | 142 | United Airlines Trans. | 12 |
| Gillette Co. | 132 | United Corp. | 322 |
| Goodrich (B.F.) | 53 | United Corp. 53 cum pf. | 14 |
| Goodrich 55 pf. | 17 | United Gas Corp. | 112 |
| Goodyear Tire & Co. | 132 | United Gas Improvement | 202 |
| Great Northern Iron Ore | 222 | U.S. Industrial Alcohol | 22 |
| Great Northern Ry. pld. | 222 | U.S. Rubber | 842 |
| Great Western Sugar | 232 | U.S. Rubber 55 pld. | 552 |
| Greyhound Corp. | 11 | U.S. Steel | 38 |
| Hercules Powder Co. | 92 | Vanadium | 10 |
| Homestead Mining | 512 | Valtee Aircraft | 20 |
| International Harvester | 46 | Walworth Co. | 42 |
| Int. Nickel | 242 | Warner Bros. Pict. | 24 |
| Inter. Paper & Power | 18 | Westinghouse Elec. | 962 |
| Int. Tel. & Tel. | 22 | Woodward Iron Cor. | 25 |
| Johns-Manville | 57 | Chase National Bank | — |
| | | National City Bank | — |

DOW JONES AVERAGE

| 1939/40 | May 17, 1940 | Change |
|---------|--------------|--------------------|
| High | Low | Dow Jones Average |
| 156.9 | 151.41 | 30 Industrials |
| 25.90 | 24.14 | 20 Rails |
| 87.70 | 80.70 | 30 Utilities |
| 52.23 | 48.51 | 40 Bonds |
| 66.67 | 45.59 | 11 Commodity Index |

Business Done:—2,350,000 shares

WEEKLY RETURNS AND REPORTS
BANK OF ENGLAND

| London, May 16 (Reuter) | May 9 | May 16 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Public Deposits | 33,140 | 33,880 |
| Other Deposits— | | |
| Bankers | 106,130 | 106,380 |
| Other Accounts | 44,970 | 42,560 |
| Total | 184,240 | 182,820 |
| Government Securities— | | |
| Discount & Advances | 4,520 | 3,880 |
| Securities | 22,880 | 22,490 |
| Total | 27,400 | 26,370 |
| Notes and Coins | 1,440 | 1,500 |
| Total Bullion | 543,250 | 546,410 |
| Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities | 20.12% | 19.12% |
| Price of Gold at which holdings are valued | 158/- | 158/- |

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

| New York, May 16 (Reuter) | May 11 (1940) | May 9 | May 16 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | (000's) | (omitted) | |
| Bills Bought | 1,000 | | |
| U.S. Securities held | 2,554,000 | 2,467,000 | 2,474,000 |
| Federal Reserve Ratio | 85.37% | 88.17% | 88.28% |
| Federal Reserve Credit Outstanding | 2,973,000 | 2,507,000 | 2,518,000 |
| Monetary Gold Stock | 15,855,000 | 15,835,000 | 15,949,000 |
| Industrial Advances | 12,810,000 | 9,296,000 | 9,292,000 |

LONDON STOCK
EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 16.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| War Loan 3 1/2 (Red after 1952) | 97 1/2 |
| Canton-K'loon Ry. 5% | 12 |
| Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) | 49 |
| Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 | 48 |
| Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908 | 49 |
| Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 | 20 |
| Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) | 30 |
| Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) | 9 |
| Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% Loan | 60 |
| Honan Ry. 5% | 12 |
| Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 | 16 |
| Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) | 13 |
| Lung Tsing & U. Hai Ry. 5% 1913 | 11 |
| Shan-N'King Ry. 5% | 17 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) | 11 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.) | 11 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) | 11 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) | 11 |
| Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907 | 35 |
| Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 | 43 |
| Ger. 7% Ind. Loan, 1924 | 64 |
| Unchartered Bank | 9 |
| H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) | 86 |
| H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.) | 86 1/2 |
| Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) | 19 |
| Chosen Corporation | 6/6 |
| Pekin Syndicate | 2 |
| Shai Elec. Constr. Co. | 15 |
| Shai Waterworks "A" | 15 |
| Union Insurance | 28 |
| Gula Kalumpung Rubber | 18 |
| Allied Ironfounders | 13/8 |
| Assc. & Elec. Industries | 39 |
| Austin Motors, ord. | 15 |
| Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. | 51 |
| B-A Tob. (bearer) | 95 |
| Mercantile Bank | 12 1/2 |
| Cammell Laird, ord. | 6/6 |
| Mexican Eagle | 4/7 1/2 |
| Courtaulds | 33/8 |
| Distillers | 61/9 |
| Dunlop Rubber | 32/8 |
| Gen. Electric (England) | 75 |
| Guinness (A) Son & Co. | 78 |
| Hawker Siddeley Air. | 11 |
| Bristol Aeroplane | 12/8 |
| Imperial Chemical Ind. | 29/6 |
| Imperial Tobacco | 105 |
| Marks & Sp'cer "A" ord. | 37/7 1/2 |
| Rolls Royce | 83/9 |
| Leyland Motors | 65 |
| Tate & Lyle | 50/10 1/2 |
| Turner & Newall | 64/8 |
| United Steel | 21/9 |
| Smithwick Drop Forge | 13/9 |
| Armstrong Stevens, ord. | 7 |
| Pressed Steel, com. | 15 |
| Vickers, ord. | 16 1/2 |
| Woolworths | 55/3 |
| Anglo-Dutch | 20 |
| Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust | 26/9 |
| Burma Corporation | 8/4 1/2 |
| Commonwealth Mining | — |
| Maraman Investments | 12/6 |
| Randfontein Estates | 40 |
| Western Holdings | 10/7 1/2 |
| Sub-Nigel | 195 |
| Tanami Gold Mining | 44 1/2 |
| Anglo-Transian | 48/1 1/2 |
| Burman | 64/4 1/2 |
| Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) | 60/7 1/2 |
| *—Nominal | |

PAYNE & CO.

COMMODITY BROKERS
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, May 16, 1940.

| SINGAPORE RUBBER | Previous Closing | May 16 Opening | Change |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SPOT | 38-7/8 | 39-1/4 | 39 cts. up 1/8 |
| JULY-SEPT. | 37-1/2 | 37-1/4 | off 1/4 |
| OCT-DEC. | 36-1/4 | 36-1/8 | 36 cts. off 1/4 |

The market was quiet.

| LONDON RUBBER | Previous buyers | Today's buyers | Change |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| SPOT | 11-7/8 | 11-7/8 | unch. |
| JUNE | 11-7/8 | 11-7/8 | unch. |
| JULY-SEPT. | 11-15/16 | 11-15/16 | unch. |
| OCT-DEC. | 11-13/16 | 11-3/4 | off 1/16 |
| JAN-MARCH | 11-11/16 | 11-9/16 | off 1/8 |

After ruling quietly firm, the market closed easier.

NEW YORK COTTON: Bombay straddles have apparently been liquidated. Further technical corrections are probable.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Reports of increasing shipping facilities from the Indies to the United States caused further liquidation.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The market tendency was firmer on reports of a little favourable turn in the European war news. Good will buying, heavy short covering and improved flour sales also aided the market.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 129.09; Today's close, 130.43; Change, up 1.34.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

| | High | Low | Close | Close | Change |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| | | | Prev. | Today's | |
| New York Cotton, July | 9.39 | 9.22 | 9.30 | 9.34 | .04 up |
| New York Rubber, July | 22.13 | 21.50 | 22.23 | 21.65 | .63 off |
| Chicago Wheat, Sept. | 90 | 83 1/2 | 88 | 89 | 3 up |
| Chicago Corn, Sept. | 64 | 60 | 59 1/2 | 63 1/2 | 4 up |
| New York Hides, June | 13.22 | 12.90 | 13.1 1/2 | 13.05b | .06 off |
| NEW YORK COTTON | | | | | |
| | Close | Opening | Closing | | Change |
| May | 9.62/63 | 9.60/61 | 9.63/63 | .01 | up |
| July | 9.30/30 | 9.27/27 | 9.34/34 | .04 | up |
| July (New contract) | 9.47/47 | 9.41/44 | 9.49/49 | .20 | up |
| October (") | 8.99/9.00 | 9.00/01 | 9.03/03 | .04 | up |
| December (") | 8.87/87 | 8.89/90 | 8.92/92 | .05 | up |
| January (") | 8.81/81 | 8.85/85 | 8.88 N | .05 | up |
| March (") | 8.71/71 | 8.73/73 | 8.74/74 | .03 | up |
| Spot | 9.75 | | 9.68 | .11 | up |

The last notice day for May cotton—22-5-40.

Total sales Wednesday—90,100 bales.

| NEW YORK RUBBER | May | July | September | December | January |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| May | 23.00b/25a | — | 22.85/85 | 21.50/85 | 20.10/85 |
| July | 22.28/39 | 22.13/10 | 21.65/65 | 20.55/15 | 19.90/20.10 |
| September | 20.80/82 | 20.55/15 | 19.90/20.10 | 19.10/30 | 18.70/30 |
| December | 20.05/10 | 19.40/15 | 19.10/30 | 18.70/30 | 18.70/30 |
| January | 19.97 N | 19.01b/20a | 19.10 N | 18.70/30 | 18.70/30 |

Total sales—3,490 tons.

| CHICAGO WHEAT | May | July | September |
|---------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| May | 85 1/2 | 87 1/2 | 89 1/2 |
| July | 85 1/2 | 87 1/2 | 89 1/2 |
| September | 85 1/2 | 87 1/2 | 89 1/2 |

Wednesday's sales—79,162,000 bushels.

| CHICAGO CORN | May | July | September |
|--------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| May | 59 1/2 | 62 1/2 | 63 1/2 |
| July | 59 1/2 | 62 1/2 | 63 1/2 |
| September | 59 1/2 | 62 1/2 | 63 1/2 |

| WINNIPEG WHEAT | May | July | September |
|----------------|--------|--------|-----------|
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IRATE JOURNALIST

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from one half of myself to the other—disturb the balance of power?"

USUAL "BLAH"

Added irate Mr. Swaffer: "If, in London, the foreign editor of the Daily Herald wishes to speak to his correspondent in Paris, he cannot do so. He can call on his men in Brussels, Amsterdam, Sweden, Copenhagen or Oslo and get them in a few minutes unless the line is busy."

"But, no! You cannot telephone to Paris," is the rule.

For all these reasons—and for others the British people are absolutely cut off from their allies over the Channel. They know nothing of what is going on.

"Only the usual 'blah' about how marvellous everybody is—and that is never true—gets through."

In Paris he certainly found a branch of the Ministry of Information in the British Embassy, in charge of Philip Carr, son of the late Comyns Carr, the dramatist. But no-one seemed to know what was happening there, except that dramatist, Noel Coward, in uniform, had been seen going in and out on various hush-hush missions.

LUCKY STROKE

Few of these disclosures might have found their way even into Swaffer's lively column but for a lucky stroke. As he was leaving Le Bourget, he was told in a whisper "The censor's resigned."

Safe in the knowledge that his revelations dealt with a defeated Cabinet and an ousted censor, Swaffer let the story go. The newly-appointed Information Minister, L. L. Frossard, arrived in London to consult with Information Minister Sir John Reith.

Fleet Street and Mr. Swaffer hoped M. Frossard would straighten out the tangle.

"At night all England is now blacked out. If anybody wants to smoke a cigarette he must do it inside a wardrobe. And it is very difficult to find a public-house."

—Straits Times, Singapore.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., May 17.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.89 ins.

Temperature, 78 F.

Humidity, 89 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 80 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 75 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.01 in.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 23.97 ins.

Against an average of, 16.21 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.57 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.42 a.m.

4 p.m. May 17.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.81 ins.

Temperature, 76 F.

Humidity, 84 per cent.

Wind Direction, East.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Maximum temperature, 81 F.

Minimum temperature, 75 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 18 to 24 May 1940.

| Day of Week | Date of Month | HIGH WATER | | LOW WATER | |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| | | Hong Kong Standard Time | Height | Hong Kong Standard Time | Height |
| Sat. | 18 | 06.39 | 5.4 | 00.19 | 2.0 |
| | | 19.10 | 3.3 | 13.06 | 2.5 |
| Sun. | 19 | 07.30 | 6.3 | 00.55 | 2.3 |
| | | 21.20 | 5.2 | 14.00 | 1.8 |
| Mon. | 20 | 08.00 | 6.8 | 01.33 | 2.4 |
| | | 21.30 | 5.1 | 14.49 | 1.5 |
| Tues. | 21 | 08.39 | 7.2 | 02.10 | 2.6 |
| | | 22.15 | 6.0 | 15.34 | 0.7 |
| Wed. | 22 | 09.19 | 7.4 | 12.45 | 0.6 |
| | | 23.08 | 4.8 | 16.19 | 0.6 |
| Thurs. | 23 | 09.06 | 7.4 | 03.21 | 2.9 |
| | | — | — | 17.02 | 0.4 |
| Fri. | 24 | 00.00 | 4.6 | 03.56 | 3.2 |
| | | 10.31 | 7.2 | 17.45 | 0.5 |

BEST-INFORMED MAN ON THE WORLD'S BIGGEST PROBLEM

The Conte di Savoia brought Mr. Sumner Welles back to Manhattan from his 41-day mission to Europe. Ship-news reporters found the Under-Secretary of State cold, erect, impenetrable as usual, impeccable, in a double-breasted blue suit with a navy-blue tie on his soft-collared white shirt, holding a blue chesterfield overcoat and Homburg hat.

BEST-INFORMED

If looking and listening could do it, in those 41 days Sumner Welles had become the best informed man in the world on the world's biggest problem—World War II. By special train, airplane and steamer, he had covered 14,000 miles; he had conferred with two Kings, George VI of Britain, Vittorio Emanuele III of Italy; one Fuehrer; one Duce; two Prime Ministers—Chamberlain, Daladier (and Reynaud, successor to Daladier); with the Foreign Ministers and officialdom of all four countries, opposition party spokesmen of the Allies; with Pope Pius XII.

His job nearly done, glacial Mr. Welles melted ever so slightly; he seemed pleasantly weary, a touch debonair. He was happy to be home; and admitted it. A reporter referred to the 13-hour Gibraltar delay while British searched the Conte di Savoia for Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, once Nazi Minister of Economics. Newsman: "Was Dr. Schacht in your trunk?" Grinned Mr. Welles: "Just like Morgan's Midget."

TRIP ENDS

In Washington at 2:40 p.m., Mr. Welles entered the State Department, strode into the big, paper-cluttered office of his chief Cordell Hull. Twenty-nine minutes later Mr. Welles, his face settled into its mask of boredom, Mr. Hull, with his patient, palbearers' air, stepped along the rubber mat of the White House entrance: the gleaming glass-and-bronze doors swung wide under the hands of the blue-uniformed Negro doorman. Hats and coats taken. Messrs. Hull and Welles stepped into the whirling little elevator, creaked up to the oval second-floor study where sat Franklin Roosevelt at the huge desk carved from timbers of the Resolute. There ended Welles's trip.

WET-BLANKET ADVICE

At 4:20 p.m. Secretary Stephen T. Early called in reporters for a word of friendly but wet-blanket advice "not to write yourself out on the end of a limb, or to attribute what you assume the President, Mr. Hull and Mr. Welles are discussing to any allegedly authorized or unimpeachable or reliable sources or to friends close to the President or to the Secretary of State or to the Under-Secretary of State, that neither

the President, nor the Secretary of State nor the Under-Secretary of State will have any word to say to the press or to any of their friends or to anyone anywhere following their conference." At 4:40 p.m. Messrs. Hull and Welles departed, polite, noncommittal.

At next afternoon's press conference the President announced that the Welles trip had been fact-finding, that the facts he had found would be held incommunicado, that Mr. Welles had neither made nor received any commitments or proposals. Said Mr. Roosevelt: "Finally, even though there may be scant immediate prospects for the establishment of any just, stable and lasting peace in Europe, the information made available to this Government as a result of Mr. Welles's mission will undoubtedly be of the greatest value when the time comes for the establishment of such a peace."

Curiosity over Mr. Welles's findings, hazled out, was centred on a fresher sensation, the Nazi White Book on U. S. foreign policy.

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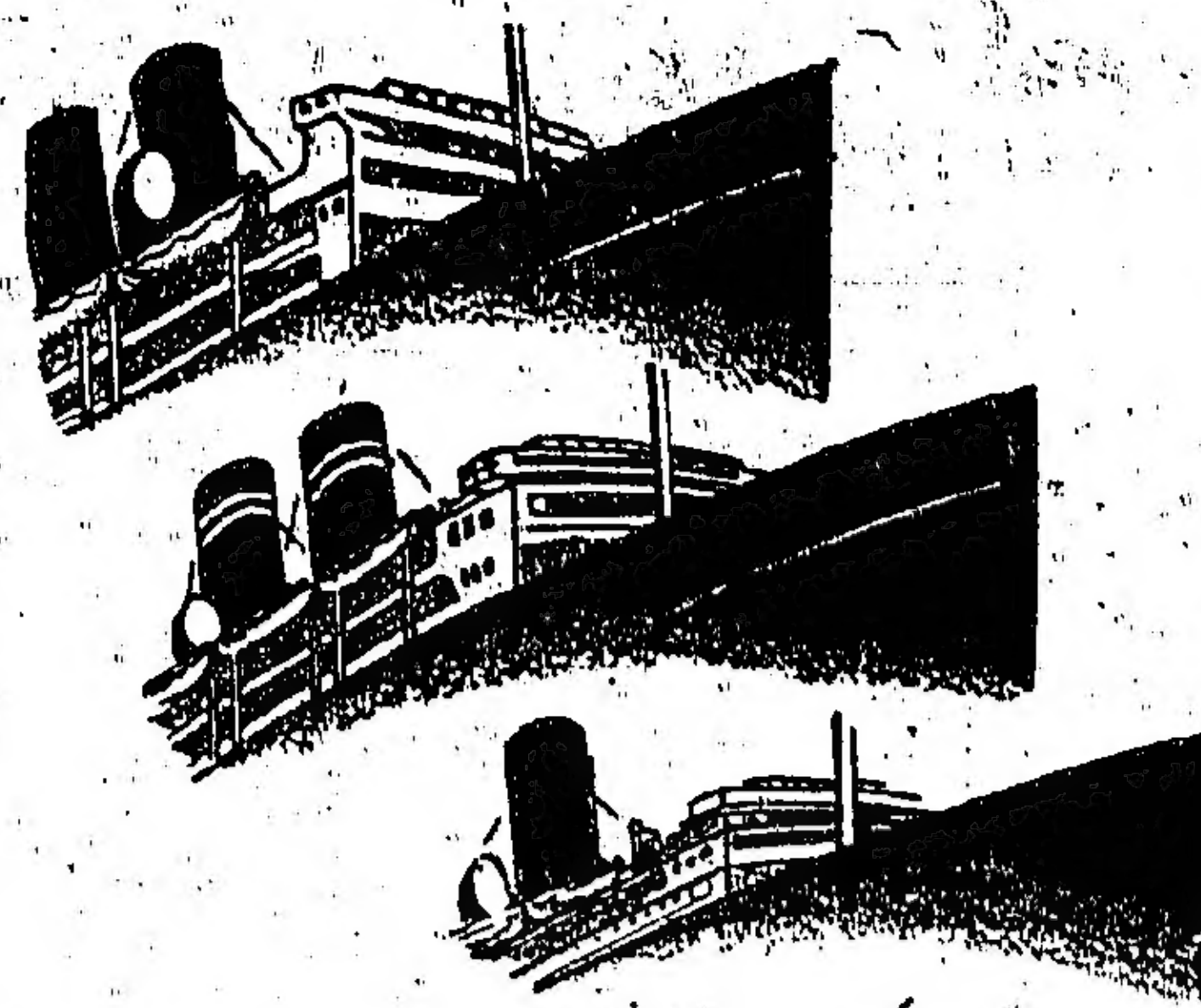
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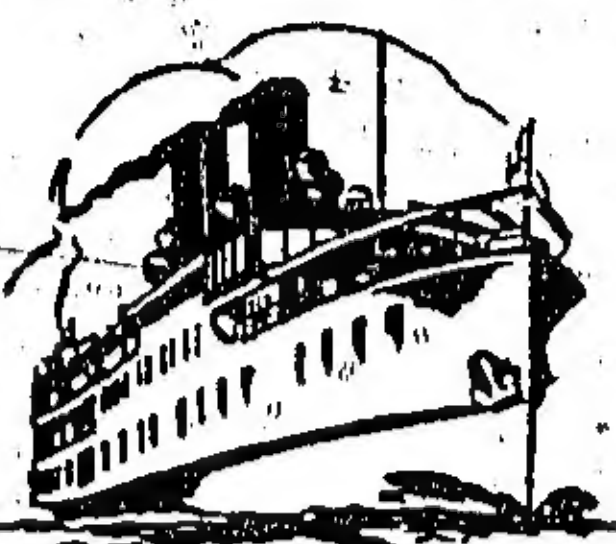
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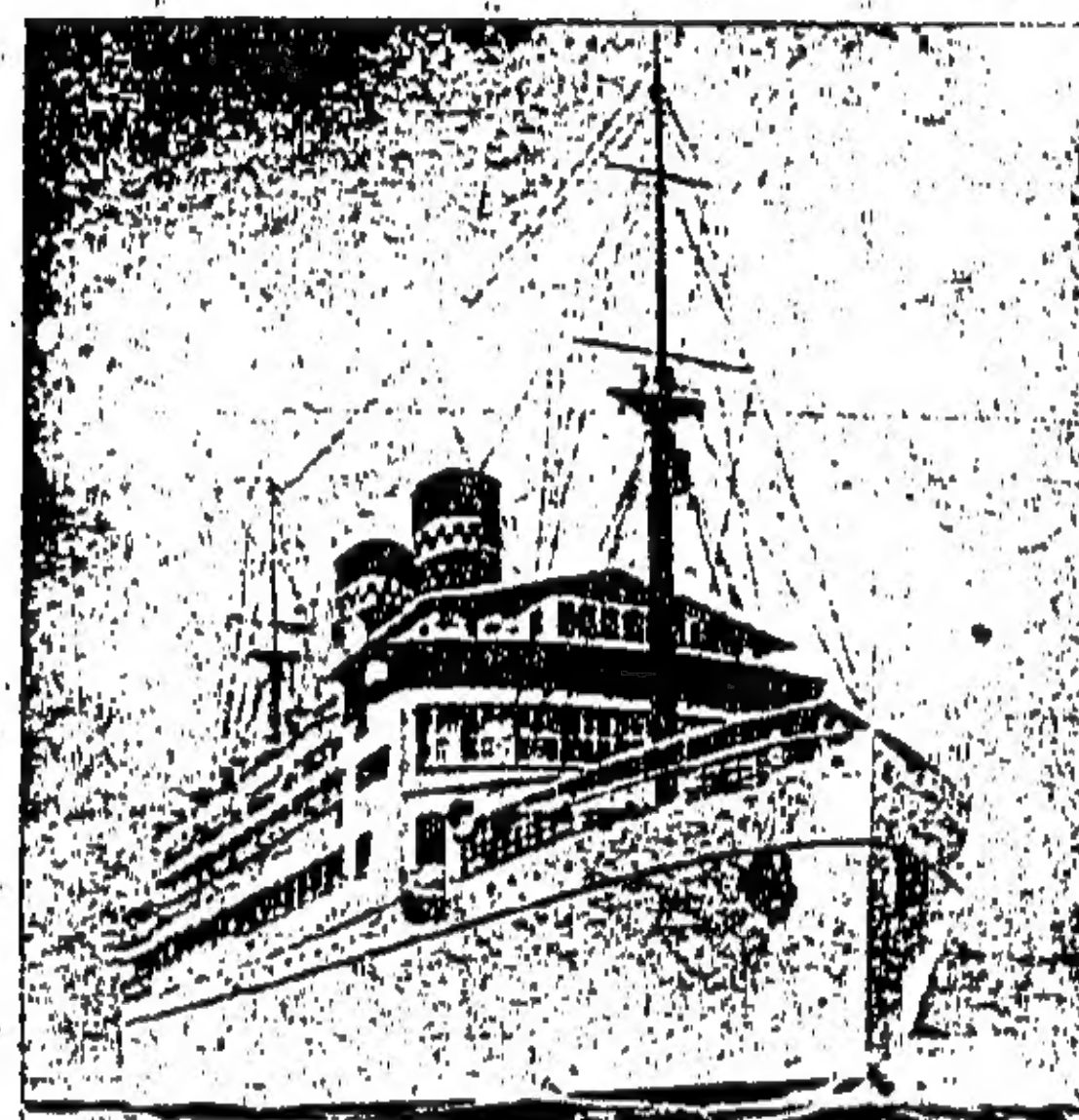
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HITLER WILL NOT
LAST TWO WEEKS

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knew of this about July and I am
of the opinion that the British
Government also knew. At the
same time Hitler designed his
peace offensive against Britain
and France, but this was doomed
to failure.Despite Hitler's efforts, France
refused to believe that it was
Britain alone that was dragging
her into war and now, to make
things even more difficult for
Hitler, the British people are in-
sisting on a more vigorous war
against Nazism.Germany had just gone through
a long winter, with all its hard-
ships, and conditions that prevail-
ed made Hitler feel that he cannot
go through another winter with-
out doing something to show the
German people that it was worth
their while.

LESS SUPPORT FOR HITLER

At one stage, not so many days
ago, observers thought Hitler
would play for a stalemate in the
West while his U-Boats and
magnetic mines seriously affected
Britain's imports from overseas,
but here is a point that has to be
stressed.The German people today are
less inclined to support Hitler
than the people were to support
the Imperial German Government
for the first three years at least, of
the war.The reason is not hard to
seek. In 1914 the Kaiser had
no concentration camps inGermany—he did not make
his enemies suffer as Hitler
has been, and still is, doing to
people who did not share his
points of view.It has been estimated that at
least one-third of the German
people have suffered the agonies
of the concentration camps, and
at the same time a great many
more give their support to Hitler
without conviction.Hitler's answer to this was an
effort to give these doubters proof
of his power, and that explains
all his moves since the march into
Austria.On the surface of it the unity
in Hitler's Germany today is un-
shaken but it is because Hitler
knows otherwise that he has
launched these offensives.

HITLER IS DOOMED

Hitler wants to win the war in
two weeks, and he knows that if
he fails he is doomed.It is to the youth of Germany
today that Hitler looks for sup-
port. Young men and women,
who were brought up with Nazism
instilled into them, follow him
today and it is with these young
men that Hitler has filled his
armies to invade his smaller neigh-
bours. The young women have been
taught to do their parts in Hitler's
campaigns too—so that treachery
from within may facilitate assault
from without.

ALLIES MIGHT CATCH UP

Dealing with the big offensive
that has just been launched, Mr.
Wickham Steed said that Hitler
made this move because he was
afraid that unless he acted quick-
ly there was a prospect that his
vast reserves of planes and tanks,
assembled over a period of years,
would either become obsolete or
that they would be offset by Allied
preparations.Continuing, Mr. Wickham Steed
said that as one observer so aptly
put it the other day, a mechanised
Attila launches an attack with-
out regard to the loss of human
lives. This Attila is bound to
score an initial success, but it is
that kind of success that cannot
be maintained.

HITLER CANNOT LAST

"Since the invasion of Holland
began," the speaker went on, "I
have discussed the situation with
a German officer who took an
active part in the last war, and
he expressed the firm belief that
Hitler will not be able to keep this
up for more than two weeks."Mr. Wickham Steed added that
in his desperation to score a quick
win, Hitler may strike elsewhere
—probably Switzerland, or that
he will try and get his friend
Mussolini into the war.Dealing with the first possibility,
the speaker said that the Swiss
authorities have taken every mea-
sure to counter a German in-
vasion. Mobilisation had already
been enforced, the frontiers closed
and all defences brought up to
date.

WHAT OF ITALY?

Britain and France are prepared
in the Mediterranean and so is
Egypt.It is possible, said Mr. Wickham
Steed, that Mussolini has waited
till Hitler started his invasion of
Holland and Belgium, so while the
Allies are engaged there, Italy's
task will be lightened.Admiral Sir
Edward EvansAPPOINTED NAVAL
ATTACHE IN
NORWAYLONDON, April 19 (By Air Mail).
—It is understood that Admiral
Sir Edward Evans has been ap-
pointed Additional Naval Attache
in Norway.

WIDELY KNOWN

Admiral Sir Edward Evans
is one of the best known of
naval officers. A member of
Captain Scott's Antarctic expedi-
tion in the early years of the
century, he became widely known
by his books and lectures about
the South Polar Regions.In 1917 he was promoted from
commander to captain after the
action in which the Swift, Com-
mander Peck, officer, and his own
ship, the Broke, engaged six Ger-
man destroyers and sank two of
them.As a flag officer he commanded
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LAST NAVAL SERVICE

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is as popular in that country as
in his own.AMERICA'S
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of New York's Knights of
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56.2 sec., breaking the world's
indoor record by almost two
seconds; before 18,000 spectators;
at Manhattan's Madison Square
Garden.Hailed as America's No. 1 dis-
tance runner, Notre Damer Rice,
who also set a new world's indoor
record for three miles (13:55.9)
three weeks ago, will be matched
next fortnight against famed Finn
Talsto Maki, holder of the world's
outdoor records for two miles
(8:53.2) and three miles (13:42.4).An unnamed Red fox, the 144th
anniversary Bayard Taylor Mem-
orial Hunt, biggest fox hunt ever
held in the U.S.; outwitting 140
hounds (seven packs) before 10,
000 spectators, on the estates of
Pierre S. du Pont and W. Flindet
Stewart in Chester County, Pa.After a chase of six miles, the
fox jumped to the roof of a shed,
climbed through a window, was
rescued just as the hounds ap-
proached the door. Carried off in
a sack, the fox was released after
the hounds were called off."HUGE QUANTITIES" OF
AIRCRAFT BOUGHT FROM
AMERICA

LONDON, April 19 (By Air Mail).

—Mr. Arthur B. Purvis, head
of the Anglo-French Purchasing
Mission, announced in Wash-
ington to-day that the Allies
have already purchased "huge
quantities" of the three latest
types of American military
aircraft, and that additional
contracts would be signed "in
the very near future" for others of five types
which the United States Gov-
ernment released for sale only
last week. He said that the
sums involved were "very large
indeed."

CONTRACTS SIGNED

Contracts were signed in New
York yesterday for great numbers
—he did not specify how many—
of Curtiss fighters and Douglas
attack bombers. The latter are
reputed here to be the fastest
machines of their type in the
world.A third contract will be signed
immediately for another of the
types just released. The five types
released last week were the
Curtiss P-40, the Douglas attack
bomber, the Bell P-39 fighter, theBoard Bill
For Rescued
Soul!

Pan American Airways' auditing department received a bill from the constabulary of Wahn-sien, China, which, translated, read: "Board bill for one rescued soul, \$3.18, Mexican." Cheap enough, agreed the auditors, but why the bill? Intra-company investigation led to Captain C. S. Vaughn, P. A. A. pilot on the Miami-Rio de Janeiro run, who used to fly on the China run.

FOUR YEARS AGO

His story: Four years ago, at Wahn-sien, on the rushing Yangtze River, he called for help to a watching throng as his ship was about to collide with the landing float. "First to volunteer," explained he, "was no strong husky male, but a frail Dresden China 'doll'."

Other persons promptly followed and, in their eagerness, pushed the celestial maiden overboard. Although the girl was drowning in full sight of thousands of Chinese, they, with much better appreciation of China's tremendous population than I passively watched her float past....

MAINTENANCE

Thereupon Captain Vaughn jumped in, swam ashore with the young woman and with difficulty persuaded a constable to take charge of her. Seven months later, the police handed Captain Vaughn a bill for her maintenance. She was his responsibility, said they. He paid the bills for a while, but finally decided the line was responsible and directed that they be sent to P. A. A. headquarters.

From P. A. A. auditors to Captain Vaughn Miami, never-
theless, went the latest bill for \$3-18, Mexican.Since then, however, Pres-
ident Roosevelt has appealed to Mussolini and the American
leader had also made a very
pointed address to Congress in
which he mentioned that he
hoped there will not be any
short-sighted delay in the de-
livery of planes to the Allies.

PREMIER'S WORDS

Mr. Wickham Steed mentioned
that no matter what the possible
outcome of the present big battle
may be, there was no doubt what-
ever regarding the ultimate out-
come of the war.In this connexion we need to
take very literally the words of
Mr. Winston Churchill when he
made his first address, as Prime
Minister. He said:—"I have nothing to offer but
blood, toil, tears and sweat. We
have before us an ordeal of the
most grievous kind. To ask what
is our policy I say it is to wage
war; by land, sea and air,
war with all our might and with
all the strength God has given
us; and war against a monstrous
tyranny never surpassed in the
dark, lamentable catalogue of hu-
man crime. That is our policy."Concluding, Mr. Wickham Steed
said:—
"We are going forward together.
The people at home, the people
overseas, in France and our other
Allies, and we are sure our cause
will not fail."

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 18th MAY, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

| From | Due |
|--|----------|
| Straits and Manila | 18th May |
| Shanghai and Amoy | 18th May |
| Shanghai | 18th May |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" | |
| London date, 11th May | 19th May |
| Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane | 19th May |
| U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 23rd April) | |
| Shanghai | 19th May |
| Japan | 19th May |
| Shanghai and Amoy | 19th May |
| Japan | 19th May |
| Formosa and Swatow | 20th May |
| Amoy | 20th May |
| Manila | 20th May |
| Haiphong and Hanoi | 20th May |
| Manila | 20th May |
| Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 14th May | 21st May |
| Japan | 21st May |
| Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 15th May | 22nd May |
| Shanghai and Amoy | 22nd May |
| Canton | 22nd May |
| Straits | 22nd May |
| Straits | 22nd May |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" | |
| London date 15th May | 23rd May |
| Japan and Manila | 23rd May |
| Sandakan | 23rd May |
| Canton | 24th May |
| Japan | 24th May |
| Japan and Manila | 24th May |
| Manila | 24th May |
| U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 18th April) | 26th May |
| Australia and Manila | 26th May |
| Haiphong | 27th May |
| Japan and Shanghai | 27th May |
| Calcutta and Straits | 28th May |
| Java and Manila | 28th May |
| Canton | 29th May |
| Japan | 30th May |

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| For | Date and Time |
|--|--------------------|
| SATURDAY | |
| Canton | 7.15 AM |
| Port Bayard | 11.00 AM |
| Haiphong | Noon |
| Dairen | 3.00 PM |
| | G.P.O. & K.P.O. |
| | Parcels 3.00 PM |
| U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) | Reg. 6.00 PM |
| | Ord. 9.30 PM |
| | G.P.O. & K.P.O. |
| | Parcels 3.00 PM |
| | Reg. 5.30 PM |
| | Ord. 5.30 PM |
| Shanghai, Japan and Honolulu | G.P.O. & K.P.O. |
| | Parcels 3.00 PM |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe Via Marseilles and London | Reg. 5.00 PM |
| Parcels | Letters 5.30 PM |
| | G.P.O. & K.P.O. |
| | Reg. 6.00 PM |
| | Ord. 5.30 PM |
| Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" | |
| Bangkok | 5.30 PM |
| SUNDAY | |
| Shanghai | 9.00 AM |
| MONDAY | |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa | 8.30 AM |
| Canton | 10.30 AM |
| Shanghai | Noon |
| Parcels only for Haiphong | Noon |
| Haiphong | 3.00 PM |
| Saigon | 6.30 PM |
| Canton | 7.00 PM |
| Port Bayard and Hanoi | 7.00 PM |
| TUESDAY | |
| U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) | Reg. 21st 9.15 AM |
| | Ord. 21st 10.00 AM |
| | Parcels 9.30 AM |
| | Letters 10.30 AM |
| Straits (Parcels) only and Calcutta | Noon |
| Amoy and Shanghai | 2.00 PM |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa | K.P.O. |
| | Reg. 5.00 PM |
| | Ord. 5.30 PM |
| | G.P.O. |
| | Reg. 6.00 PM |
| | Ord. 7.00 PM |
| | K.P.O. |
| | Reg. 6.00 PM |
| | Ord. 6.30 PM |
| | G.P.O. |
| | Reg. 6.00 PM |
| | Ord. 7.00 PM |
| Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" | K.P.O. |
| | Reg. 8.00 PM |
| | Ord. 8.30 PM |
| | G.P.O. |
| | Reg. 6.00 PM |
| | Ord. 7.00 PM |
| Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service" | K.P.O. |
| | Reg. 6.00 PM |
| | Ord. 7.00 PM |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| | Wed. 22nd |
| | K.P.O. |
| | Reg. 6.00 PM |
| | Ord. 6.30 PM |
| | G.P.O. |
| | Reg. 6.00 PM |
| | Ord. 7.00 PM |
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